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Friendly's Classic At Crestview Country Club...

Ladies' Pro Golf Association Folds Tent As Sponsor Back Out

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Friendly's LPGA Classic was like one of their super-deluxe sundaes — it was sweet, liberally sprinkled with perhaps a few nuts thrown in, and a big, fat cherry on top of the whipped cream. It was meant to be savored, enjoyed, with the possibility of a big lick on the cup after the contents were consumed. You know, like that photo of 1997 winner Deb Richard doing just that to the trophy at picture-perfect Crestview Country Club.

We are all aware that the nature of ice cream is to melt down if it is not chowed down. Unfortunately, the consumption of the Classic by the public, the pros, and others involved couldn't make the nut or the bottom line in the eyes of Friendly's Corporation, forcing them to drop sponsorship of the Tournament which they had bankrolled for four years.

It came as no surprise to many observers. Rumors that the Classic was starting to feel a financial pinch before this year's edition were on the airwaves and in print. Too small a purse (Amy Fruhwirth, this year's winner, banked \$90,000 out of a purse of \$600,000); the lack of big names on a consistent basis; and dartboard time slots throughout the summer season had a lot to do with it.

But in the end, it was the cash. Friendly's cannot be blamed for that aspect of the Classic's

demise. But it is unfortunate because, "We really needed another significant player to get involved in order to continue upgrading it. Unfortunately, this did not happen," said Vivian Brooks, spokesperson for Friendly's Corporation.

Donald N. Smith, Chairman, President, and CEO of Friendly's, added, "Friendly's is extremely proud of the excitement and enthusiasm that the Friendly's Classic brought to New England over the past four years. Although we will not be able to host this particular program, we will create a charity golf tournament that will continue our long-standing tradition of supporting the communities in which we do business and contributing to a variety of worthwhile and meaningful civic, cultural, educational, and charitable organizations."

Friendly's Classic Tournament Director Silvia Bertolaccini is a pragmatic businesswoman who knows the finances involved in putting on a top-notch golf tournament.

"You wouldn't believe what it costs Canon to sponsor the Greater Hartford Open," she said.

Indeed, Canon is a huge international corporation which can get Andre Agassi to shill for them out in the desert while hopping off rocks to stoop pics with one of their cameras. Even in the desert, you would never see Andre pushing Friendly's frappes, no matter how hot it got. The company

just couldn't afford a deal like that because, in the end, they are a middle-level restaurant chain built on high-quality ice cream products.

John Deere, another multi-national corporation, just signed a multi-million, nine-year deal with the PGA to sponsor the just-completed Quad Cities Classic, which suffered much as the Friendly's Classic did (with a low payday and a lack of big names). That tournament will get well quick with a commitment such as that. The same scenario could have happened here, if some company had come forward and helped out Friendly's.

Other Considerations...

There are other considerations when dissecting the demise of the classic. The quality and attraction of women's golf in this area took a hit, as did all the little sponsors you saw on the board above the practice range. They may not have put up a bundle, but they did what they could.

Also hurt will be the volunteers and the other people who structured at least part of their summer around the tournament. The reputation of the LPGA won't go untarnished in this one, either. There is always a feeling that they could have done more. But perhaps that is just a knee-jerk reaction to the loss of this fine event here in Agawam.

Of course, assurances were made as soon as the bullet was fired and found its mark. The LPGA promised they would not forget the Northeast, especially Massachusetts. They say they are looking at a tournament date at Pleasant Valley in Sutton, Massachusetts, next year. But it seems more like a hasty bandage over a fresh wound type of statement.

The history of the PGA at Pleasant Valley is questionable. Since the early 1960's, a men's

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An Annual Tradition At Sacred Heart...



FATHER KENNETH TATRO (second from left), pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, leads the congregation in an outdoor Mass prior to Sacred Heart's annual picnic on Saturday, June 20th. (See related photos in "Church News.") Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

TO OUR READERS:

From now until July 31st, subscriptions to the ADVERTISER NEWS are \$24.50. If you'd like to sign up for a complete year in order to receive all the hometown news, please stop by our office at 14 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, in the Crossroad Shoppes (behind Dunkin' Donuts).

In this week's edition, be sure to check out one of our newest and most popular features — "Your Neighbors" by Advertiser News Feature Writer Peggy Shoemaker. "Your Neighbors" is just one more reason why townsfolk turn our pages each and every week.

Residents & Clergymen Support Town Council's Attempts To Regulate Adult Businesses

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

While they'd like to see an outright ban on pornography, adult video stores, strip bars, and the like, a group of residents, along with their church pastors, are satisfied that Town Council is doing the best it can to regulate and control adult entertainment businesses.

After attending a meeting of the council's ordinance committee, resident Erin Shepard, the mother of three children ranging in age from 10 to 19, said, "It's good to see the councilors are doing a good job of keeping these things in control and it's good for those kinds of businesses to see they are going to have to follow the rules."

Pastor James Jasmin, whose Faith Bible Church on Shoemaker Lane is located in one of the zones that will be designated for adult entertainment use (if the full council adopts the measure next month), said he believes what the councilors are trying to do to control adult entertainment is correct.

"Our goals are the same," Rev. Jasmin said.

The proposed ordinance requires a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals for adult entertainment uses in addition to limiting where those businesses can locate.

Rather than designating specific sites where adult business could operate, the ordinance aims at preventing adult businesses from locating within 1,000 feet of a church, school, playground, youth center, or any district designated for residential use.

Among the areas where an adult business would be allowed if the zoning ordinance is

adopted are Bondi's Island, an area south of Riverside Park on Main Street, Walnut Street Extension and Ramah Circle, the Meadows and the area around Silver Street, Suffield Street, and Shoemaker Lane.

Ordinance Committee Chairman Robert Magovern said, "We're on the same side. None of us want to see adult entertainment businesses in Agawam. However, the U.S. Constitution gives them the right to open. If we don't pass an ordinance, we will have a serious problem because they can go to any zone that allows business."

Based On Similar Ordinances

Committee member Jill Simpson, who co-sponsored the ordinance with Councilor Nancy Thompson, said the ordinance was based on similar ordinances that have successfully withstood court challenges. Mrs. Simpson said experts at a statewide conference for local legislators recommended using 1,000 feet as the buffer between adult businesses and schools, churches, youth centers, and residential use zones.

Also, language restricting adult entertainment from within 1,000 feet of an area where youths regularly gather, like Games and Lanes on Walnut Street Extension or McDonald's on Suffield Street, had to be eliminated from the ordinance on the advice of the Attorney General's Office because it is too vague and would be open to a court challenge, Mrs. Simpson said.

Although concern that an adult business could be located in the Southgate Plaza had been raised

at a Town Council meeting earlier this month, Magovern said he was pleased to discover that Geissler's Supermarket has a restrictive clause in their rental agreement which specifically bars the landlord from renting to an adult business.

"I think everyone should go into Geissler's and thank the management for taking this positive step to support the people in the community," Magovern said.

Reverend George Cope from the Bethany Assembly of God on Main Street said his congregation wishes to strengthen the council's hand in controlling adult entertainment. "We thank you for being proactive rather than reactive and we want to be a support to you."

Besides supporting the council's efforts, Rev. Jasmin added that his congregation would go to the limit of the law, including raising concerns at public hearings, picketing, and videotaping to keep adult entertainment businesses from locating in town.

Magovern said if the ordinance is passed, the next step in controlling adult entertainment businesses will be formulating a set of regulations as part of the licensing process. For example, the council's licensing requirements could include restrictions on the lighting levels and the space between patrons and performers in a strip club.

"I don't think we are going to be up against this because I don't think it will be economically feasible with the licensing requirements the town can put on this," Magovern said.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1998 at 6:30 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of THE BROOKWAY CORPORATION, which is seek-

ing a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-44 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the creation of a "Drive-thru" at the premises identified as: 163 SILVER STREET.

Ronald A. Hebert, Chairman

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Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!

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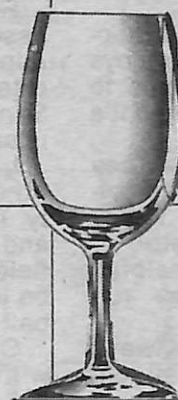
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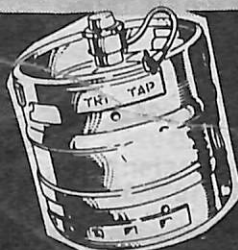
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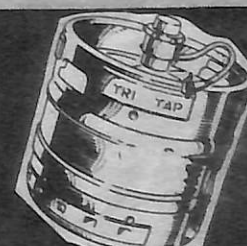
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Letters To The Editor

Ziegert Family Appreciates Support For Golf Tournament

To The Editor:

Once again, we would like to thank all who participated in the seventh Lisa Ziegert Golf Tournament, which was held at the Agawam Municipal Country Club on July 5th. This was followed by the family picnic at the VFW on South Street.

After some very early morning rain, the day turned out to be picture perfect. The course was in fantastic shape, and everyone had a terrific time.

The picnic was full of greats: great food, great music, great people, and (above all) a great reason to be together. Over \$4,300 was raised to keep Lisa's work going.

The best way to remember Lisa is to make sure that the things she would have done will still be done. By giving scholarships and grants, we feel this is being accomplished.

An event like this takes a lot of work and planning and involves several people, all of whom are very important. It also takes a special individual to really pull everything together.

Our special person is Rick Brignoli. For the past four years, Rick, along with his helpful and very patient wife, Donna, has made this tournament what it is today ... a successful fundraising event that everyone enjoys, and many ask (before it's over) if they can sign up for next year.

Rick will say that it takes several people to make this happen and he's right, but without him, it probably wouldn't happen at all.

There are several other prime players that help out every year, and we would like to thank them:

Barbara Viens of Country Flowers and Gifts — Invaluable in so many areas, she is our main link to Rick and too many other ways to mention. At the picnic, she, her sister, Joanie, and Donna keep the food line supplied and make sure there's enough to eat.

Shelley Borgatti-Reed — Publicity wouldn't exist without her. She is the contact for radio, TV, and newspapers. She is so efficient and always knows who to call.

Doug Reed — Every year, he brings his equipment and supplies the music that everyone enjoys listening to all afternoon. He always seems to know the right kind of music to play, and when it's time for the raffle, he makes it fun.

Annie, Donna, Janis, Phia, and Roger — They sell raffle tickets, convince golfers to bet on getting on the green, and (along with other family members) do the hundred-odd things to help.

Ron Dunn and his staff — Courteous, helpful, friendly, and warm, they help the day run smoothly and make it seem effortless.

Mayor Chris Johnson and his staff — Always helpful and supportive, they help get the ball rolling. Chris has always been there for us, and (as an avid golfer) never misses the tournament.

Donnie Hanna and Bruce Callini — They cooked for hours and made the fantastic food that everyone enjoyed. The help of their assistants, Jessica and Kyle, was greatly appreciated.

Surprise! Card & Gift Shop — The very special donation of three hard-to-find Beanie Babies made the raffle a huge success.

Ric Sardella — He and his staff at *The Agawam Advertiser News* do all they can to be sure that news of all events reaches the public. What's more, photographer Jack Devine is always there!

Tom Petrillo — One of Lisa's best friends in college brings all those Bud raffle prizes every year to earn money for Lisa's kids.

We also want to thank all who sponsored a tee or green sign, donated raffle prizes, made a donation, or helped in any way. Your support is invaluable.

It's been said before, but it's worth saying again: the support of the town and all our extended family members and friends keeps us going and gives us strength.

One last thank-you ... to Lisa, for the joy, love, and laughter she gave us. Her spirit shines through everything we do.

With love and gratitude,
Lisa's Family

Summer Soccer School Is Coming To Phelps School

To The Editor:

The Agawam High School Soccer Booster Club, in conjunction with the Agawam Soccer Association, is once again offering a soccer school for boys and girls in grades 1-6. The school is volun-

tarily staffed by ASA coaches and varsity/junior varsity players from the high school.

This school was designed to give boys and girls a chance to have a positive learning experience and practice the fundamental skills. It also is a chance for the high school athletes to give something back to their town.

The school will be held at Phelps School, August 3rd through 7th, from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Money raised helps support the Booster Club Scholarship Fund. For applications, please call Pat Tierney at 789-1239.

The Executive Board of the Booster Club and the athletes thank you in advance for your support.

Pat Tierney
President, Soccer Booster Club

How About An Adult Business On Top Of Provin Mountain?

To The Editor:

Another saga develops in our fair town of Agawam, and that is the adult entertainment issue.

The fact is, we cannot ban them from our town. The problem is where to place them if they should decide to open up.

Did we forget that in the near future, Channel 22 will be moving to Chicopee and leaving a vacant area on top of Provin Mountain?

Now, if an adult business should decide to open up in Agawam, I can't think of a better place to place them - right on top of Provin Mountain, far from the core of our town.

Thank you,
Edward Filkoski
Agawam

Our Children Need To Have A Strong Foundation In Faith

To The Editor:

As I was returning from vacation, I heard on a national news segment that the Pope had released a statement calling for his people to renew their commitment to the Sunday mass. While there are many times where I find myself in strong disagreement with the Pope, I couldn't agree with him more on this issue.

His statement affirmed the value of various cultural and sporting events, but mentioned that faith development was an essential aspect of life that was being missed as people no longer attended mass. Bingo!

For years, the cry has come out for the sporting associations and clubs of our community to be mindful of those who worship on Sunday. So very often for children to participate they have to miss Sunday worship. No day, not even Easter Sunday, is sacred as far as sporting events are concerned.

I, too, want to affirm the value of sports and other cultural events in our community and society. There can be much learned from the teamwork and sportsmanship experienced on the playing field. However, there are many things that need to be learned about life that can't be learned with a ball or bat.

Our youth are confronted on a constant basis with questions regarding morals and values and the choices they need to make in light of those. Unfortunately, more and more youths are having less and less of a foundation from which they can stand when making those choices.

I urge our sporting associations and clubs to hold off on games and practices until Sunday afternoon. I also urge our parents and youths to attend a church of their choice on a regular basis. Yes, I know this will mean some changes need

to be made, but when it comes time for life decisions, I hope our youths have more to consult than the play book.

I love our youths and I love our community. It is in that spirit that I write.

Yours truly,
Rev. Richard G. Barnes
Pastor, First Baptist Church of Agawam

"BRAVO!" To The Academy Of Artistic Performance

To The Editor:

"HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD": lights ... cameras ... action.

What a delightful evening as I attended the 23rd Annual Review of the Academy of Artistic Performance on Friday, June 19th. From the very little ones and the many Disney hit tunes to the up-to-date salutes to *Titanic's* "My Heart Will Go On" and *The Lion King's* "Circle of Life," the performances were thoroughly enjoyable, as were the beautiful costumes.

I salute the Artistic Directors, Nancy DeCosmo Locke and Debbie Calabrese McManus; the Pre-School Director, Patti Beaudette; and their staff, technicians, stage crew, seamstresses, etc., for their time, effort, and creativity.

This performance would give Broadway a run for its money. And the Oscar, please ... yes! It goes to none other than the Academy of Artistic Performance. BRAVO!

A special recognition was awarded to Kay DeCosmo, who has been a dedicated receptionist and nurturing mother at the studio to hundreds of students over the years. Although she has recently been ill and despite the pain, you will always see her lovely smile radiate as she encourages and supports the students, praising them and guiding them to fulfill their dreams.

I believe she had a vision ... yes ... of one day seeing her two daughters, Nancy and Patti, dance and perform ... and maybe someday teach and operate their own studio. Just watching the beautiful synchronization of hands and feet, as well as the excitement on the face of a student dancing, has always delighted her.

Kay has always given more than material gifts, something greater than any package can hold — she has given a part of herself and, from the heart, she has given love, kindness, encouragement, and forgiveness. Thoughtfulness seems to be her specialty with everyone whom she is in contact with.

The story of the Academy of Artistic Performance and how this dance company attained such success from simple beginnings to standing ovation is truly a "love story" of Kay DeCosmo. Her presence adds something special to this world.

I salute you, Kay DeCosmo. God bless you!

Lillian S. Peloquin
Springfield, MA

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The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 23, 1998 at 7:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Western Massachusetts Electric Co. for work to be performed off of Moylan Lane, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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Veterans' Corner...

Names Of Agawam's WWII Vets Could Be Missing From Honor Roll; Here's Why...

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent

During the past week, we received several phone calls reporting WWII names that were missing on the published lists. I guess it's time to explain in detail how very difficult it is to compile a list that is totally accurate; as a matter of fact, it may not be possible.

As I explained in earlier articles, there are no lists available; it is only through the diligence of our committee that we have come this far. This is why I want to publish every name we have come up with through our research in *The Agawam Advertiser News* — to give you the opportunity to contact us if you have information that we don't have.

Your calls and visits helped us confirm the eligibility of three veterans last week.

THIS IS HOW WE CAME UP WITH OUR LIST:

1. All names in our card file established after WWII were put in the computer.

2. All discharges filed in our office were put on computer. Those with Home of Record listed as Agawam were noted, but those whose paperwork did not reflect Home of Record were left blank and were not pulled up on computer when the Agawam list was run. The World War II veterans' list is difficult in that not all discharges reflect the Home of Record.

3. Research at War Records in Boston revealed only Agawam veterans who filed for their state bonus. These names were added to the computer list and confirmed some of those whose Home of Record was not on file in our office.

4. If Home of Record is not listed, we have no way of verifying residence and, therefore, the name will not appear on the list.

5. We took the Honor Roll containing names of veterans who served prior to December 1, 1942 and checked these names against those on the computer. This list was a gift to the town from Mrs. Pauline C. Wright many years ago.

6. If you served more than one hitch in the military or are a military retiree and we don't have

a discharge for each period of service, we wouldn't have the information necessary to list your name for each war you participated in unless you provided this information to our office. Veterans are not required to register their discharges in our office. We are designated the Keeper of the Records, but this is on a voluntary basis.

You can see the importance of working together on this project as a community. We need your help, we welcome your help. The following is a list of Agawam World War II veterans whose last name begins with "G."

If you don't see your loved one's name or the name of an Agawam veteran that you know, give us a call at Veterans' Services, 786-0400, ext. 236/237. Remember, if we don't have verification of Home of Record due to the above information, the onus is upon the veteran or his family to document the Home of Record. We will help where we can in directing you.

WWII HONOR ROLL - "G"

Max N. Gaj, Andrew C. Gallano, David C. Gallano, Alfred Gallerani, Arthur Gallerani, Henry Garceau, Frank D. Gatti, Lino C. Gatti, Charles P. Gaudino, Howard S. Gelly, Francis J. Gensheimer, George L. Geoffrion, Roland E. Geoffrion, Charles J. Gerard, Eugene H. Gerby.

Leslie E. Gibbs, Robert W. Gibbs, Clifford J. Gibson, George E. Gillian, Freddy Giordano, Mario E. Giorgi, Annette G. Godek, Edward H. Godfrey, Arthur E. Goodwin, Elmer J. Goodhue *, Harry W. Gordon.

Edwin W. Goss, Donald R. Goss, Everet Goss, Frank M. Goss *, Roger W. Gosselin, Ronald A. Gosselin, Vincent R. Gosselin, Edward J. Goyette, Charles G. Gracco, Daniel J. Grady, Jr., James P. Grady, Ralph K. Grady, Robert E. Grady, Peter K. Gramkow, Aldred M. Grasso, Frank Grasso, Ernest G. Graziano, Orlando A. Graziano.

(* Died in service.)

Antique Auto Bill: Let's Have A Consumer Approach

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pushing for Senate passage of a consumer bill to permit the issuance of special antique automobile insurance in the Commonwealth, resulting in lower premiums for antique auto owners.

The legislation would allow insurers to write discounted antique automobile policies in the state without being subject to an assessment by Commonwealth Auto Reinsurers (CAR). CAR is responsible for the automobile high-risk pool, and all autos in the state, including antiques, are subject to CAR assessments.

This legislation would exempt antique auto insurance policies from a CAR assessment. Every other state except Massachusetts allows for the sale of these consumer discounted policies.

"It is about time Massachusetts put the auto insurance consumer first," Melconian said. "This legislation would allow the antique auto owner to purchase insurance for his or her antique auto at a much more reasonable cost."

In addition to the lower premium, antique owners would be able to insure their auto for the actual value instead of the blue book value. Currently, if an individual wishes to insure the actual value of his or her automobile, a separate policy must be purchased.

The legislation passed the House of Representatives on June 25th. It is currently awaiting action by the full Senate.

Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano
Is Your "Number" Up???

If you have an emergency in your home or business, we can't help you ... if we can't find you.

When you call the Agawam Fire Department at 911 to request assistance, a vital piece of information is your address. However, it is important that you have your numerical address visible so that emergency vehicles responding to your aid will be able to reach the scene in a timely manner.

In most areas, the numerical addresses for each building should be at least three inches in height and readily visible from the roadway. It is also helpful if the numbers are reflective so they're visible at night.

By posting your home or business numbers, you will be helping us help you without unnecessary delays.

If you need more information regarding the placement of addresses in your community, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1998 at 6:30 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of PHILLIP LeCLAIR, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-71 of the Zon-

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

ing Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a second floor addition to the existing single family residential structure at the premises identified as: 16 LAWNWOOD STREET.

Ronald A. Hebert,
Chairman

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Was anyone hurt?

The first thing most insurance carriers want to know after you've had an accident is if you have a police report. Things are different at Canary Blomstrom Insurance.

You see, our primary concern is you, our customer. We believe relationships are more important than policy numbers. That's why when you call us with an accident claim, our first question is about your welfare. It's not just a line—we'll cover insurance matters soon enough.

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Press Conference Denounces BP Opponents...

Rekindled Berkshire Power Battle Won't Stop Tennessee Gas Pipeline/Power Plant Construction

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Whether or not the company is successful in gaining an exemption from local zoning from the state Department of Transportation and Energy, Tennessee Gas Pipeline on Suffield Street said it will be able to fulfill their agreement to supply natural gas to the Berkshire Power project being built on Moylan Lane.

Tennessee Gas Project Engineer Jesus Soto confirmed statements relating to the pipeline project made by Berkshire Power Chief Operating Officer Ken Roberts, Sr., at a press conference called last week. It was here where Roberts denounced power plant opponents for trying to stop the power plant by attacking Tennessee Gas and for trying to cause trouble for their other power plants in the development stages in other communities.

Sparking a new round of charges and countercharges between Berkshire Power and plant opponents, Roberts announced the end of settlement negotiations between Berkshire Power and the five remaining defendants in a libel suit filed last summer. He accused some opponents of using the media and the regulatory process for what he termed "civil extortion."

"What does that mean? If we give them money, they will go away," Roberts said.

"He Said/She Said"

In yet another round of "he said/she said" in the bitter battle between the power developers and plant opponents, both sides are using the same evidence as "proof" of diametrically opposed positions.

At last week's press conference, Roberts displayed a letter sent to Berkshire Power's attorney, Raipher Pellegrino, by Michael DelNegro of Losito Lane on behalf of himself and the other four defendants who have not been able to reach an agreement with the company in eight months of negotiations to drop countersuits and settle a libel suit prompted by a CCBA sponsored newspaper advertisement last summer.

Most of the original 18 defendants named in the lawsuit reached settlement agreements with the company months ago.

Roberts said the letter is proof that while they have been saying they are protecting the quality of life in Agawam by opposing the power plant, residents Karl Stieg, Louis Russo, and DelNegro were "attempting to receive a \$600,000 payoff from Berkshire Power." Roberts offered a *Meriden Record Journal* (Connecticut) article which quotes the three men criticizing Berkshire Power as proof that they have "tried to cause trouble for us in other communities."

The following day, DelNegro, Stieg, and Russo released a joint press statement announcing their plans to pursue legal action against Berkshire Power, Inc., Power Development Corp., Ken

Roberts, Sr., and El Paso Energy for defamation of character, libel, and slander.

The joint press release states:

- They had not asked Berkshire Power for \$600,000, but were rather referring to a \$600,000 offer made by Berkshire Power in December.

- Roberts' claim that Stieg participated in the \$600,000 offer was without merit since Stieg was never a party to the libel suit.

- They never agreed to be silent and preserving their freedom of speech was their primary demand for dropping their countersuit.

- None of them had ever been to Westfield, Massachusetts, Meriden, Connecticut, or Milford, Connecticut to discuss Power Development's proposed power plants.

- They denied attempting to extort money from Berkshire Power and alleged that all monetary conversations were initiated by Berkshire Power.

Negotiations Broke Off In December

DelNegro said negotiations with Berkshire Power broke off in December when the company reached a settlement with the remaining abutters who had legal standing to oppose the plant. Negotiations began again with a telephone call from Pellegrino to DelNegro in March. Since then, the two have exchanged a series of letters and have been in contact over the phone, according to DelNegro.

DelNegro maintains that his group wanted to discuss the conditions for dropping the suit before discussing a monetary settlement, but Berkshire Power wanted them to put a dollar figure in writing.

"I purposely worded my letter to say, 'may we remind you' of your previous offer of \$600,000 because I expected them to give us a response in writing. We were afraid if we named a figure, they'd use it against us, just as they have. It was a trap all along," DelNegro said. "Never did I hint that I would be quiet with or without money. And they agreed not to require our silence—that was a huge concession on their part."

In a letter to DelNegro dated July 8th, Pellegrino writes, "...we have continued this most recent round of negotiations in good faith and with the understanding that the remaining defendants recognized they were not entitled to payment of any money from Berkshire Power. However, in the spirit of compromise and to maintain its policy of being a good corporate neighbor, Berkshire Power would consider contributing to some of the expenses incurred, and/or pay a nominal settlement amount."

"In light of your group's outlandish demand for a settlement amount of at least \$600,000, it does not appear fruitful to continue negotia-

tions of this nature."

Acting on the advice of his attorney, Stieg had little to say other than to deny Roberts' accusations.

"This is just a way of shutting us up," Stieg said. "Why are they not having us arrested for extortion?"

With settlement negotiations terminated, Pellegrino said he would immediately begin the discovery process in the company's libel case against Russo, Stieg, DelNegro, Peter Longo, Susan Amabile, and Barbara Petersen.

"We've offered mutual dismissal on all sides and there's been a steadfast refusal to do so," Pellegrino said. "I think there's certainly merit in the libel case."

In addition to the embarrassment and humiliation of seeing himself portrayed as an extortionist in the media, DelNegro blasted Berkshire Power for the way in which they are pressing ahead with the libel suit.

"I had to come home from work Friday night to a hysterical wife," DelNegro said. "They sent a deputy sheriff to my house at 9:30 at night and he scared my wife half to death."

Confronted By A Stranger

DelNegro said the deputy entered through the open garage door and was approaching the door into the house. When she opened the door to enter the garage, his wife was confronted by a stranger shining a blinding light into her face, DelNegro said.

DelNegro said it wasn't necessary to send a deputy to his home to serve him with notice of a deposition that is scheduled for September, when it is common practice to send such notice by return receipt mail.

But, Lincoln Flagg, who is the supervisor in charge of the deputies who serve court documents, said the deputy was following established procedures. Flagg said deputies try to go to the door that seems most likely to be the usual way into the home (so that they can leave the court papers at the door where they will be most likely to be discovered by the homeowner if there is no one home).

"If the garage door was open, the deputy had every legal right to approach the door to the home," Flagg said. "He startled Mrs. DelNegro and I've apologized to her for that and I will be speaking to the deputy."

Flagg said the document brought to the DelNegro home was a subpoena, not a notice of

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deposition, and it is not unusual for deputies to serve papers into the evening hours. That particular day, the deputy's route had been scheduled to begin in Palmer and end in Agawam because divorce papers had to be served to someone who does not get home from work before 8:00 p.m., Flagg said.

In regard to the Tennessee Gas Project, Soto said the company already has the necessary approvals from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and U.S. Department of Transportation to construct the pipeline that will supply Berkshire Power with natural gas. The company is looking to the state for an exemption from local zoning to raze an existing building and replace it with a sound-insulated building to house a gas compression unit needed to supply the power plant.

Soto said the compressor could be installed in the existing building, although Tennessee Gas would prefer to erect a more modern building on the existing foundation.

Melconian Announces Expanded Office Hours For August

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced that she is implementing evening district office hours for the convenience of her constituents.

In addition to her regularly scheduled district office hours (Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), the office will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 13th, and Thursday, August 27th.

Melconian's district office is located at 375 Walnut Street Extension, Agawam.

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More News On Annuities For Vets And Gold Star Parents

While attending the Massachusetts Veterans' Agents Association summer conference in late June, Agawam Agent Ruth Bitzas returned with additional eligibility information for disabled veterans and Star Parents.

The State Department of Veterans Services advises that in addition to 100-percent, service-connected disabled veterans, eligibility for the \$1,500 annual annuity extends to those veterans who may not have the 100-percent designation but who, according to V.A. records, are "unemployable" due to service-connected disabilities.

In addition, the veterans' Home of Record need not be Massachusetts. Disabled veterans who meet the above criteria and who continue to reside in Massachusetts could be eligible for the benefit.

Regarding the Gold Star Parent annuity, each parent of a veteran who was killed in action or whose loved one was lost due to accidental death may be eligible for the annual annuity.

Contact your local Veterans' Agent through your Town Hall for the necessary forms and assistance. Residents of the Western Hampden District residing in the towns of Agawam, Southwick, Granville, and Tolland may contact District Director Ruth Bitzas at the Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236/237.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1998 at 6:45 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of JAMES DAVIGNON, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for a second floor addition at the premises identified as: 420 NORTH STREET.

Ronald A. Hebert, Chairman

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AT THE AGAWAM COUNTRY CLUB, members of the Mutti family — Sandra, Kathy, and Peter — stand by a monument that was placed on the green in honor of the late Dante Mutti. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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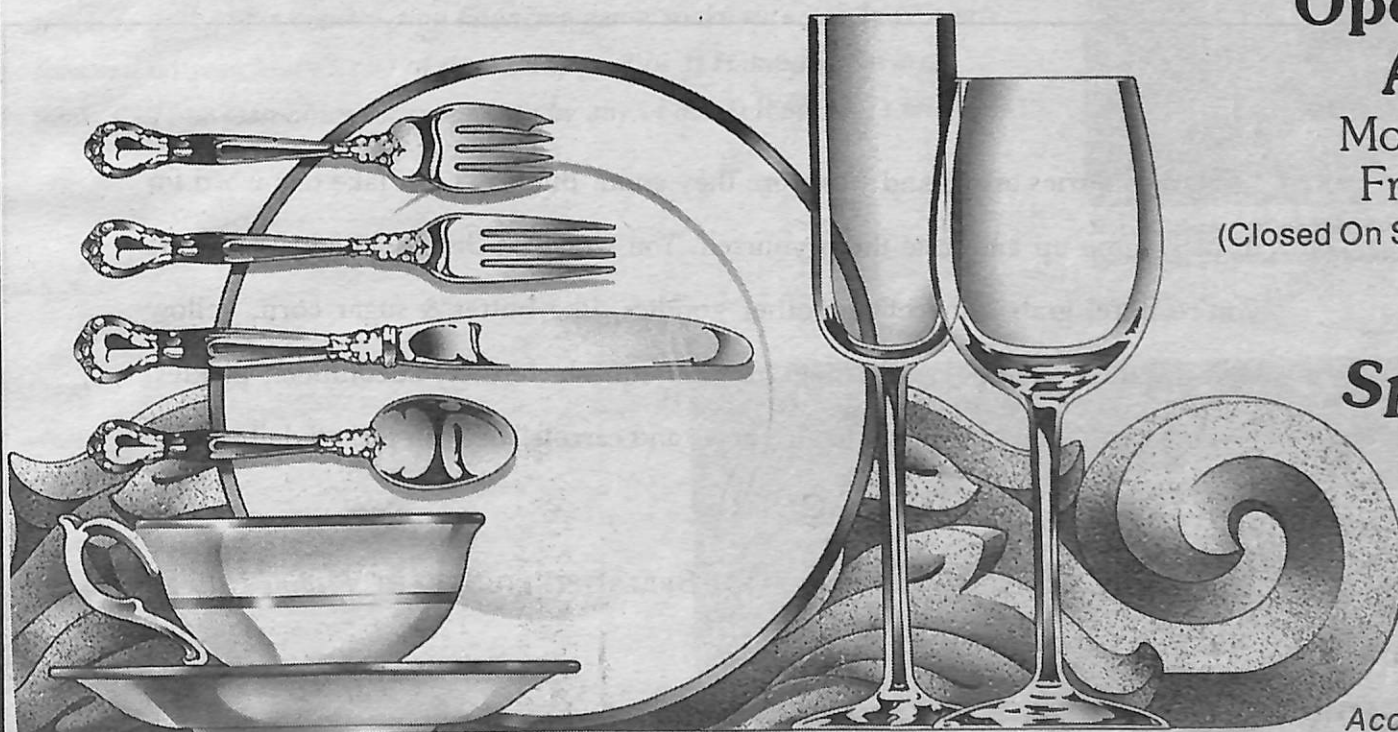
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— Agawam Obituaries —

Robert S. Clough

Robert S. Clough, 62, of 10 Annie's Way, West Springfield, died in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. He was a truck driver for various companies, including EMAC Transport for many years.

Born in Keene, New Hampshire, he attended local schools, and lived in Feeding Hills. He moved to West Springfield more than three years ago.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

He leaves his wife, the former Mary E. Minihan; three daughters, Kimberley Longto of Agawam, Kerry Longto of Lauderhill, Florida, and Kelly Longto of Chicopee; six brothers, David and Vernon, both of Keene, Paul of Marlboro, New Hampshire, Sherman of West Swanzey, New Hampshire, Harry of Surrey, New Hampshire, and Ted of Troy, New Hampshire; and five sisters, Ethel Arcand of Lowell, Elaine Hodson, Phillis Houle, and Evelyn Pollack, all of Keene, and Gloria Gunseth of Spofford, New Hampshire.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, with burial at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Wilfred A. Bushey

Wilfred A. Bushey, 89, of 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, died at a local nursing home.

He was a 30-year machinist for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division of United Technologies Corp. in East Hartford.

Born in Vermont, he was a long-time resident of Richmond, Vermont, and lived in Turners Falls before moving to Agawam a year and a half ago.

He was predeceased by his wife, Joan G. (Moulton) Bushey, in 1996, and a daughter, Jeanne Bushey.

He leaves seven sons, Arthur of Deming, New Mexico, Chester of Shreveport, Louisiana, Peter of Aldrich, Minnesota, James of Westfield, Timothy of Reidsville, North Carolina, Thomas of Clarksville, Virginia, and Jon of Deerfield; three daughters, Marie Bea of Phoenix, Arizona, Joanne Retzler of West Springfield, and Linda Quigley of Agawam; 22 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held in All Saints Cemetery in Richford. Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heritage Hall West activities fund, in care of Barbara Huntoon, 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Margaret L. Schinelli

Margaret L. (Elmer) Schinelli, 81, of 30 Prospect Street, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was born in Greenfield, and was a graduate of the town's High School.

She was a former member of the Senior Center and the Golden Agers.

Her husband, John Schinelli, died in 1982.

She leaves two daughters, Judith L. Serra of Agawam, and Janice R. Magnacca of Feeding Hills; four brothers, Russell, Herman, and Herbert of Greenfield, and Marshall of Connecticut; a sister, Beatrice Canedy of Greenfield; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, with the burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, L.J. Schinelli Renal Assistance Fund, 1500 Main Street, P.O. Box 15769, Springfield, MA 01105.

Gertrude E. Gemme

Gertude E. (Griffin) Gemme, 90, of 207 Poplar Street, Feeding Hills, died at a local nursing home.

She worked in the public schools' cafeterias and at the former Johnson Book Store in Springfield, and Gilbert & Barker Co.

Born in Springfield, she was a long-time Feeding Hills resident, and belonged to the Springfield Turnverein.

She leaves her husband, Wildaige Gemme of Feeding Hills; a son, Richard B. of Chester; a sister, Betty Cizek of Largo, Florida; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, and memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Lucien Gosselin

Lucien Gosselin, 91, of 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, died at a local nursing home.

Born in St. Charles, Quebec, Canada, he was a part-owner of Springfield Freight Lines Trucking Co. for several years, and retired in 1960.

He was a former communicant of the Assumption Church in Chicopee.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Agnes Talbot.

He leaves a son, Raymond of West Springfield, and a daughter-in-law, Lorraine (Mercier) Gosselin of West Springfield.

The funeral was held at Grise Funeral Home, with the burial in St. Aloysius's Cemetery.

Janice Pillard

Janice (O'Toole) Pillard, 57, of 418 Meadow Street, Agawam, died at home.

She was an 18-year Shawmut Bank branch officer, and retired in 1996.

She joined Shawmut First Bank in 1978, and was named manager of the Agawam office in 1979. In 1980, she was named branch manager of the Palmer and Monson offices.

Born in Holyoke, she lived in Springfield before moving to Agawam 15 years ago.

She was active in the United Way of the Pioneer Valley, the Business Fund for the Arts, and Channel 57.

She was a director of the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce and the West Springfield Boys and Girls Club, and a credit and finance judge for the Distributive Education Clubs of America.

She also was a member of the Sales and Marketing Executive of Western Massachusetts, and the Hotel Sales and Management Association.

She leaves a son, Edward J., and a granddaughter, Kayla, of Springfield.

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the Immaculate Conception Church, with the burial at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Boys and Girls Club, 615 Main Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Roland E. Boucher

Roland "Joe" E. Boucher, 67, of 14 Locke Drive, Enfield, Connecticut, died at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford.

He was employed at St. Anne's Country Club in Feeding Hills.

He was a machinist and assistant foreman for Pratt & Whitney, a Division of United Technologies in East Windsor, prior to retiring in 1991.

He was born in Laconia, New Hampshire, and lived in Enfield since 1959.

He was in the Air Force, having served during the Korean War.

He was a communicant of Holy Family Church, where he served as a eucharistic minister, a CCD volunteer, and a member of the Men's Guild.

He was also a member of the American Legion. His wife, the former Elsie Giarratano, died in 1987.

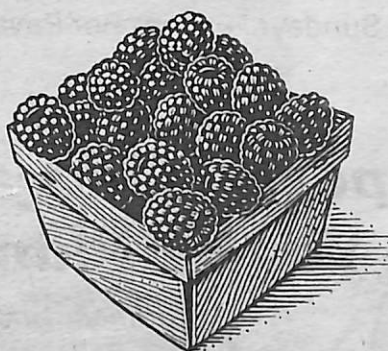
He leaves two sons, Williams of Portland, Connecticut, and James of Enfield; five daughters, Catherine Boucher, Denise Murray, Renee Czarnecki, and Anne Casey, all of Enfield, and Barbara Boucher of Manchester, Connecticut; a brother, Leo of Alton, New Hampshire; two sisters, Emma Feltault of Ware, and Alice Boutin of Laconia; and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, followed by a Mass in the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to either the Firstway Life Center, the Life Center, the American Red Cross, or the Enfield Loaves and Fishes.

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Families

The Big E To Sponsor Open Pantry's Sixth Golf Outing

Eastern States Exposition has agreed to sponsor the sixth Annual Golf Outing to benefit the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. Big E President Wayne McCary sought to sponsor the event after conversations with the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry Director Jennifer Cummings.

Paul Skowera, chairman of the Golf Benefit, said that each year he has been able to give more money to the Pantry as the benefit grows. Ms. Cummings indicated that this Golf Benefit has been the Open Pantry's largest single fundraiser. The Big E has given a big boost to this year's tournament by agreeing to become a major sponsor. They join WMAS AM/FM, who has been helping for the last three years with announcements and prizes for the event.

The Open Pantry in West Springfield meets the needs of the disadvantaged not only here in town, but also in Agawam, Feeding Hills, and Southwick. Supplying 11 meals a week, residents may also receive a three-day supply of food each month as well as clothing, advocacy services, and healthcare.

Household goods, showers, and laundry facilities are also available. The Pantry subsists due to the generosity of the individuals, businesses, and civic groups in the area. Without this continued support, the Open Pantry would struggle to continue to offer the variety of services needed by the low-income population.

The Big E has a long history of being generous to the Town of West Springfield. The organizers of the Golf Tournament wish to express their deep gratitude to The Eastern States Exposition for supporting this year's Open Pantry Golf Outing. Special thanks also go to Susan Murray from WMAS radio.



THANK YOU!!! Paul Skowera (left), Chairman of the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry's upcoming Golf Outing, receives a check from Wayne McCary, President of the Eastern States Exposition. Looking on are Jennifer Cummings, Executive Director of the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry, and Susan Murray, General Manager of radio station WMAS AM/FM (another supporter of the Golf Outing).

The Golf Benefit will be held at Shaker Farms Country Club on Shaker Road in Westfield on August 19th. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by shotgun start at 9:30. The \$80 (\$85 the day of the event) fee includes green fees, food,

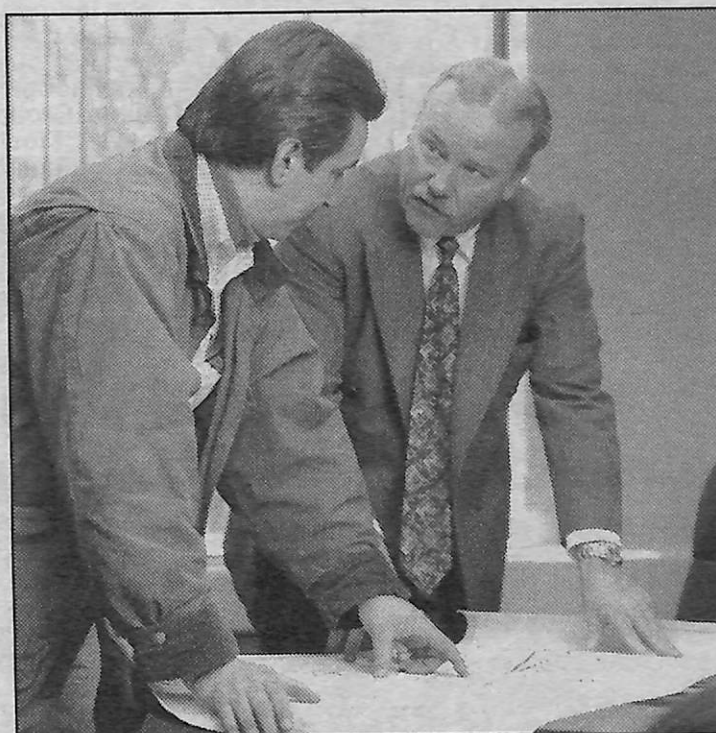
fun, and prizes.

More information can be obtained from Paul Skowera at 739-1695 or Jennifer at the Pantry, 734-2639.

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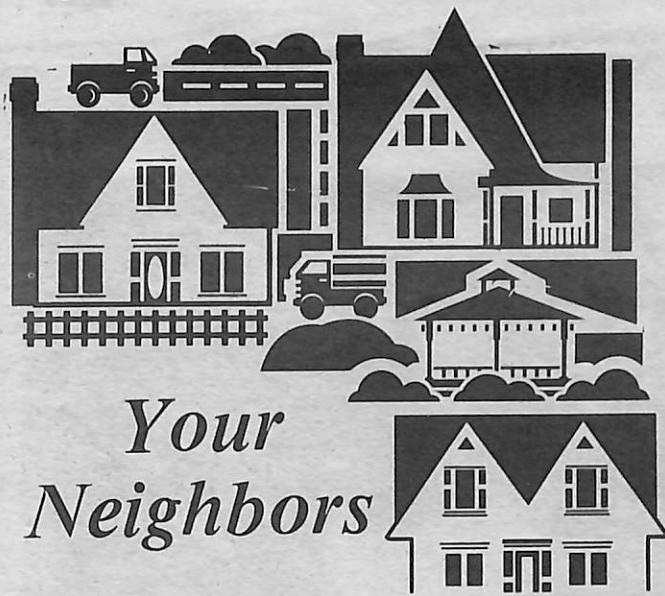


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The "Musical" Life Of Jeannette Denoncourt

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Jeannette Denoncourt of South West Street, Feeding Hills is the director of music at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. She is organist, choir director, and sometimes vocal soloist. She also plays the piano and guitar. To say the least, music is her love and passion.

Jeannette actually directs several choirs for a variety of purposes. There is a children's choir, 26 persons in the volunteer senior choir, 26 in the junior choir, nine cantors (or song leaders), as well as three organists at the church.

Jeannette said she also trains the cantors and works with Deacon James Martone to prepare music for all liturgies.

In addition to playing the organ for Mass, she directs music for such special events as the Annual Christmas Concert and for various appearances of the choir, such as at the church picnic. She said there is a special volunteer choir for singing at funerals. Jeannette herself plays and sings for special events upon request.

"Music is my love," she said in a recent interview. "It has been my therapy over the years and my ministry. It is my way of serving God and others. I try to convey my faith through music."

Jeannette grew up in a large family in the Brightwood section of Springfield. She attended St. Thomas Aquinas Elementary School and Cathedral High School. "My mother loved music and was singing or humming all the time," Jeannette recalled. "She encouraged my interest in music."

Joined Choir At Age Five

When she was five, Jeannette joined the children's choir at St. Thomas Aquinas Church and when at Cathedral High School, took part in the minstrel shows. She studied piano at age 10 and took voice lessons from several teachers. She is self-taught at the organ and guitar.

Jeannette married Roland Denoncourt, a general contractor and builder, and the couple had five children: Roland, Jr. of Westfield, Dan of Southwick, Lorraine of Westfield, Susan of Saratoga, New York, and Denise of Springfield.

Early in the 1960's, Jeannette joined the choir at Sacred Heart Church and directed a children's choir at St. Anthony's Church in Agawam's North End. Her husband purchased an organ for their home (a favorite piece of furniture).

In the 1970's, she became active in weekend liturgies and was named director of music and organist at Sacred Heart. With the exception of four years in the 1980's, she has been music director at the church for 24 years, she said. In fact, Jeannette is well-respected and much admired by nearly everyone she touches at the church through her music.



JEANNETTE DENONCOURT, director of music at Sacred Heart Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Every morning she plays the organ at Mass and then goes out to breakfast with friends. "I'm getting spoiled," she said with a grin. She is also a member of the Spiritual Life Commission at her church.

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Westfield, became Jeannette's prime concern from 1980-84 (because one of her children has varying degrees of mental illness). She interrupted her music ministry to work for the Department of Mental Health in a support group at a home where people who live with mental challenges live.

A Fan Of Country Music

When she resumed her church music ministry, she learned to play the guitar for folk Masses and directed a folk music group. "I also love country music," she exclaimed.

Although she belongs to a Thursday morning Bible Group that meets at a private home, she says, "Music takes up most of my time."

Commenting on people who think they can't sing, Jeannette said, "Sing with whatever voice God gave you." She would like to see every person at the weekend liturgies singing until the church resonates with their voices.

"When that happens," she said, "I will know I'm completing the ministry God gave to me."

Air Force Airman Jeffrey M. Rivers Graduates From Communication Course

Air Force Airman Jeffrey M. Rivers has graduated from the communication-cable and antenna systems apprentice course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Students were taught the fundamentals of electrical current, installation and maintenance of

outside wire and antenna systems, and aerial and underground cable systems.

Rivers is the son of Catherine Plourde of 66 McKinley St., and William H. Rivers of 426 N. Westfield St., both of Feeding Hills.

He is a 1997 graduate of Agawam High School.

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Annual 4-H/Youth Fair Slated For July 25th At Big E

The Hampden County 4-H/Youth Fair Association would like to announce its 46th annual fair. The event is open to all youth in Hampden County between the ages of five and 19 years of age or registered 4-H members in Hampden, Hampshire, Berkshire, or Franklin counties.

The fair will be held on *Saturday, July 25, 1998* at the Eastern State Exposition grounds' Mallory Complex and outdoor horse arena. The doors will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m.

There will be many special events during the day. Popular events such as the Fun Run and the Pedal Tractor Pull will return. The first 50 entrants in the Fun Run will receive a t-shirt.

It is open to the public and runners can sign-up on the day of the fair. The Pedal Tractor Pull is for three to eight year-olds. An array of livestock will be shown off during the day. Prized dairy and beef cattle, rabbits, poultry, goats, llamas, and sheep will be on display. You will be able to see horses trotting and jumping in the arena located by the Avenue of States.

Come see the Talent Show where youngsters showcase their singing, piano, and dancing talents.

A new attraction this year is the Pet Show. This is open to the public and can be entered on the day of the fair.

Hall exhibits will show off the best handiwork of Hampden County youth. You can see decorated cakes, needlework, artwork, basketry, flowers, vegetables, woodworking, and much more.

In the afternoon, the Fashion Revue and Wool Lead Line will showcase the expert sewing of some of our youth. The day will conclude with the Awards ceremony at 4:00 p.m. With the help of many generous donations, over 100 trophies will be awarded.

Come spend an hour or the whole day. We're sure you'll have a great time. Admission is free and there is plenty of free parking on the grounds.

FAIR DAY SCHEDULE

- 8:30 a.m.: Horse Show begins in outside arena.
- 9:00 a.m.: Hall exhibits open to public; Fun Run.
- 9:30 a.m.: Rabbit Show begins.
- 10:00 a.m.: Livestock Shows begin.
- 11:00 a.m.: Pedal Tractor Pull.
- 12:00 noon: Pet Show.
- 1:00 p.m.: Talent Show
- 3:00 p.m.: Fashion Revue
- 3:30 p.m.: "Make it with Wool" Lead Line
- 4:00 p.m.: Awards Ceremony
- 5:00 p.m.: Fair closes.

Taupiers Win 1998 Worthington Cribbage Tournament

Congratulations to Jim and Miriam Taupier of Valentine Street, Agawam, who won the 1998 Worthington Couples Cribbage Tournament over the July 4th weekend.

Miriam was last year's singles winner and has proven her cribbage expertise.

Runners-up were Rick and Lisa Daoust of Springfield.

Struggling for third place were Al and Elaine Taupier of Agawam. (Al complained the cards didn't come his way!)

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Agawam Rotary Club Donates \$400 To Anne Sullivan Memorial

Those driving by the Anne Sullivan Memorial in Feeding Hills will observe a substantial improvement in the landscaping at the memorial stone monument which is near the memorial statue.

This is the result of a two-year cooperative planning effort between the Anne Sullivan Memorial Committee, the Agawam Rotary Club, and the Agawam Beautification Committee. It was finally made possible because of a generous \$400 contribution from the Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club has been a contributor of funds and of personal services to physically maintain that area for the past number of years. This is their largest financial contribution to date.

Linda Northup Vitro pointed out that many people did not even realize that there is a stone monument there because of the overgrown bushes which used to hide it. She added, "Now it is again visible and attractively landscaped so as to complement and be visually related to the statue itself."

Rick Bellico, who is an active participant in a number of town organizations, is a strong supporter of the concept that the beauty and historic significance of this important site should be carefully guarded and maintained.

John Zebryk, in expressing the thanks of the community for the Rotary's contribution, said that the satisfaction of completing a project like this is the realization that it is the result of the efforts of many.

"The limited budget of the Beautification Committee alone would never make it possible." He pointed out that, in addition to the Rotary, others contributing are the Anne Sullivan Committee, who maintain the area; the town's DPW, who removed the old bushes; and DeCaro Bros. Landscape, who provided extra services.

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Important Update Regarding Agawam's Summer Concerts

The summer series of concerts, sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Rotary Club at the Veterans' Park/Phelps School, will take place every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. on the lawn by the gazebo.

In the event of rain, the concerts will be moved to the Agawam Middle School auditorium, 68 Main Street, because of the renovation of the Phelps School auditorium.

For further information, call the Rotary Club answering machine at 789-7393.

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RICK BELLICO (left), Director of Agawam Rotary Club, presents a \$400 check for the Anne Sullivan Memorial to John R. Zebryk of the Agawam Beautification Committee. Standing next to Zebryk is Linda Northup Vitro, Vice-President of the Agawam Rotary Club. Advertiser News photo.

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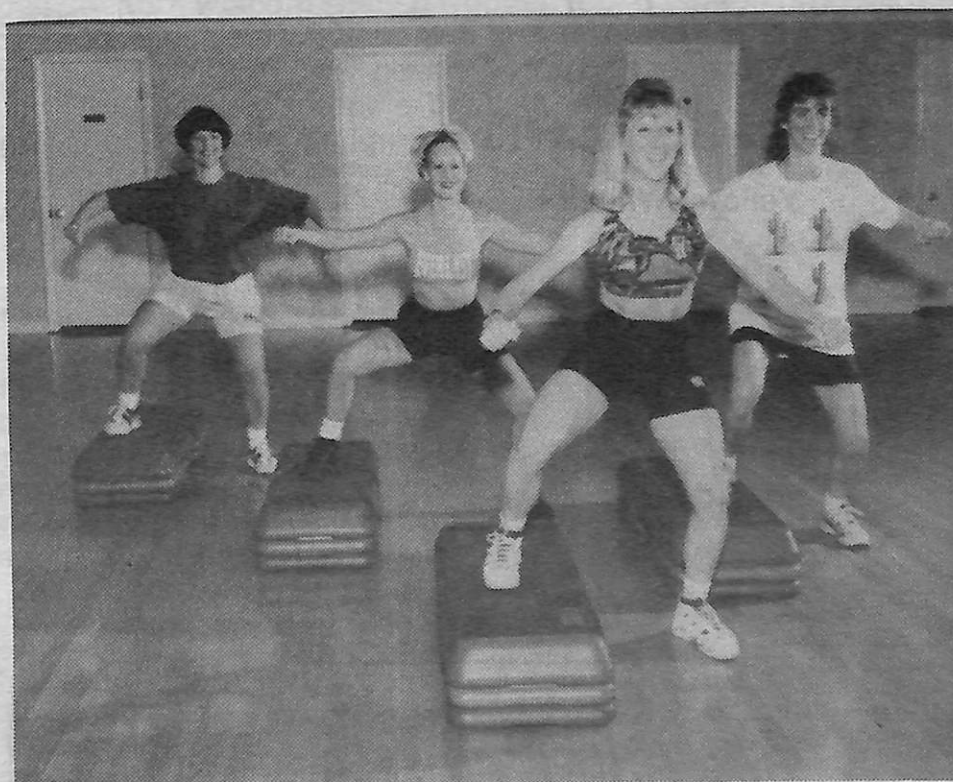
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Kimberly Macey Weds Anthony Spangenberg

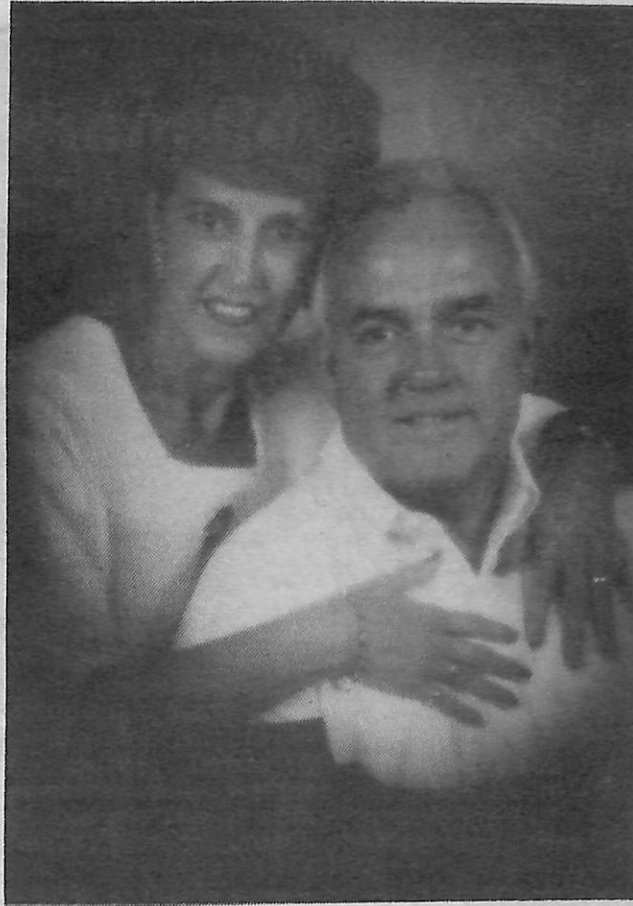
Kimberly Anne Macey wed Anthony George Spangenberg on May 30, 1998 in the Meeting House at Storowton Village.

The ceremony was followed by a reception at the Carriage House and a honeymoon in Walt Disney World.

Kimberly is the daughter of Wayne Macey of Agawam and Lynn Macey of Greenfield. Anthony is the son of Donna and George Spangenberg of Feeding Hills. Serving as matron of honor and best man were Kimmel Morselli and Mark Deveno.

Kim currently works at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in the Department of Tissue Engineering as a research assistant. She has been accepted into the Ph.D program for cell biology and will begin classes in September. Anthony is an internal technical support specialist at PADS Software, Inc.

The couple now lives in Grafton, Massachusetts.



RUSS & JACKIE MORGAN

The Morgans Celebrate 40th Anniversary

Russ and Jackie (Lemelin) Morgan of Stewart Lane celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with family and friends at a surprise party held at the Collegian Court in Chicopee.

The couple were married on July 5, 1958 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Springfield.

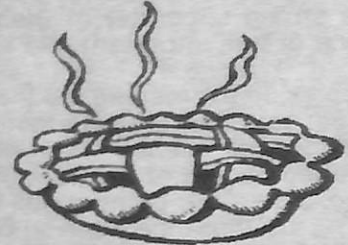
Russ and Jackie have three sons; Russell, Jr. of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Michael of Agawam, and Ronald of West Springfield.

They have three grandchildren; Amy, Jake, and Rhea. Family members came from as far as New Mexico to honor the couple.



Agawam Senior Games Athletes Planning Another Busy Day

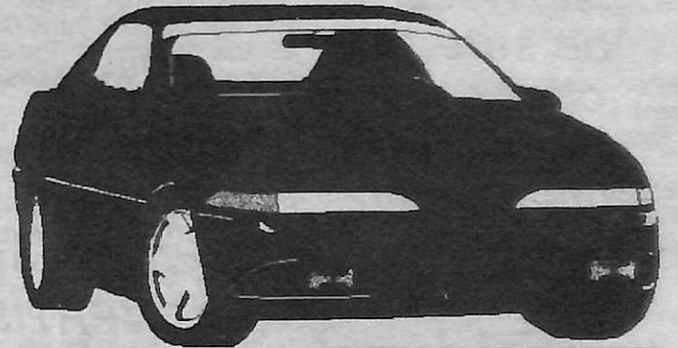
ASGA is planning a TAG SALE/CAR WASH/BAKE SALE at the Agawam Senior Center on Saturday, July 25th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We have exercise equipment, kitchen items, clothing, craft items, and much, much more!



There will be grab bags for children and adults, so we suggest that you come early (as these items disappear fast). Our bake table promises to have many delicious surprises, and we will be serving donuts and coffee for \$1.

It is always a hard-working but enjoyable day for the athletes, and we look forward to seeing all of our friends come to browse, have their car washed, and visit over a cup of coffee.

Please mark this date on your calendar, and come and join us for a fun day.



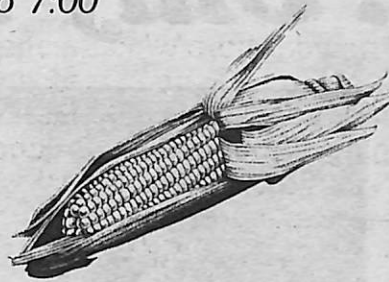
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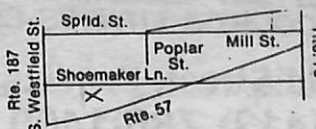
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DR. & MRS. MICHAEL WILLIAM KELLY

Amy Marie Barber Becomes Bride Of Dr. Michael Kelly

Fred and Cynthia Barber of 16 Faymore Dr., Agawam are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Amy Marie Barber of North Reading, Mass., to Dr. Michael William Kelly, also of North Reading.

The groom is the son of William and Mary Kelly of Ipswich, Mass.

The wedding took place April 18, 1998 at St. Mary's of the Assumption Church in Northampton, Mass. Maid of honor was Ms. Kimberly Hebert. Christopher Kelly, brother of the groom, served as best man.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. She is employed as pharmacy manager of CVS in Medford, Mass. The groom is a graduate of Bishop Fenwick High School in Peabody, Mass. He received his master's and Ph.D. from Tufts University and is employed at the Mass. Institute of Technology Lincoln laboratory.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, July 20th: Zucchini soup, turkey salad with lettuce & tomato, pickle, potato puff, watermelon.

Tuesday, July 21st: Pork cutlet with gravy, mashed potato, zucchini squash, rye bread, diced peaches.

Wednesday, July 22nd: Baked chicken, sweet potato, corn on the cob, whole wheat bread, brownie.

Thursday, July 23rd: Country pie (hamburger, rice, tomato, & cheese), Normandy mixed vegetables, rice pudding.

Friday, July 24th: Baked fish, potato puff, green beans, rye bread, apricots.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

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tion, call Jack
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The Ferrendino Family Announces The Birth Of Twins

Gary and Sandra Ferrendino of Agawam are pleased to announce the birth of their twins, Ava Rose and Alec Michael.

Ava Rose weighed six pounds, eight ounces and was 19 inches long. Alec Michael was seven pounds, five ounces and 20½ inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Joseph and Kathleen Ferrendino of Feeding Hills. Maternal grandparents are Charles and Eleanor Constantilos of Chicopee.

Great-grandmothers are Kathleen Albano (paternal) of Agawam and Blanche Jette (maternal) of Chicopee.



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DIRECTIONS: Follow Rt. 75 North from Bradley International Airport to a left onto Remington Rd. to a left onto Poole Rd. Signs posted on the day of sale.

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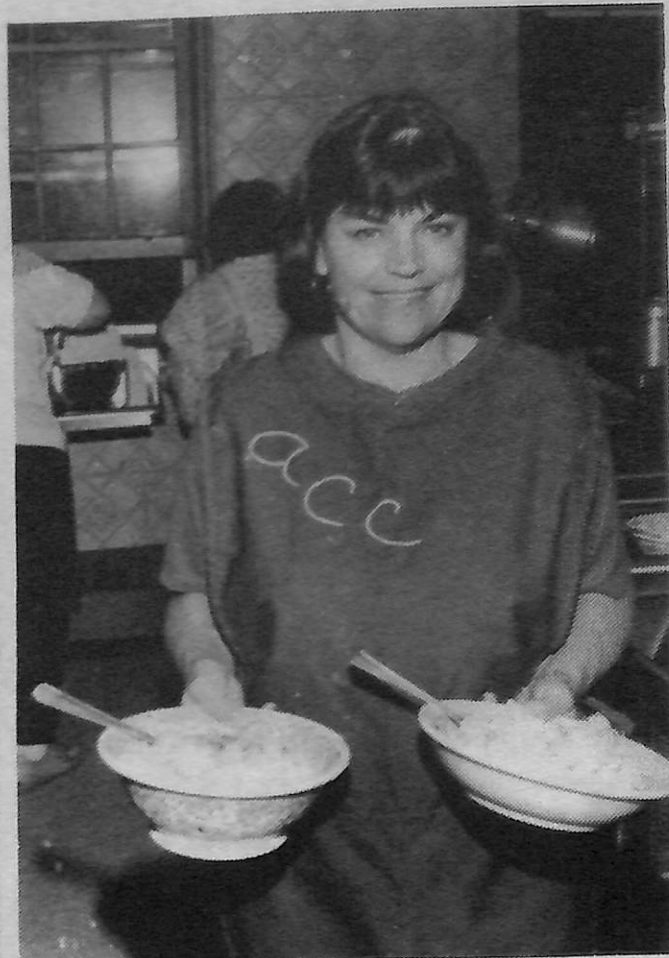
A "Berry" Good Supper At Agawam Congregational...



CAROL ALLEN (left) and LUCY YOUNG prepared the dessert at Agawam Congregational Church's June 13th strawberry supper. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



"HEY, WHERE'S MY DESSERT???" Two year-old Rebekah Aponte at the recent strawberry supper held at Agawam Congregational Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DEBORAH MARKHAM was one of the volunteers at Agawam Congregational Church's strawberry supper. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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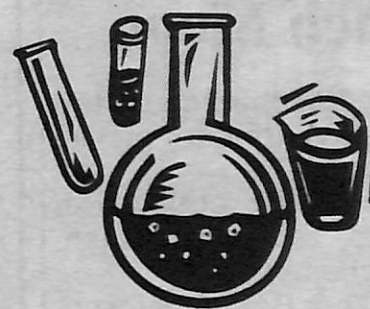
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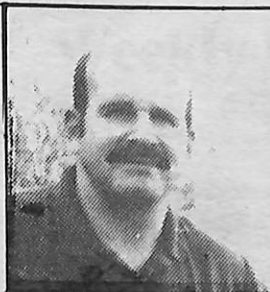
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Reflections...
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The Reason We Are Alive Today

One of the most important questions we can ever ask ourselves is, "Why am I here, alive on the earth?" The question might also be phrased, "To what end was I born?" or "What, if any, purpose is there to my life?"

Some people try to find the purpose or meaning of their lives in their work. Others try to find it in pleasure. For still others, these questions might be too frightening to even consider, because they might fear they won't find an answer.

Some people in the religious community have come up with a fairly succinct answer to these questions, which they succinctly rephrase as, "What is the chief end of man?" The stock catechism answer is, "Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." While such an answer may be appealing because it appears to cover all the bases, it misses the mark, at least according to the Bible.

Very likely the difficulty with the catechism answer to one of life's most important questions stems from the fact that the question is posed to the wrong party in the first place. The question, "Why was I born? Why am I here?" should not be directed toward ourselves or other people. It is a question for God alone. We created beings need to ask our Creator about the reasons for our existence.

Fortunately for us, God has already addressed this topic. Part of the good news is that there really is a very important reason each of us is alive. The Bible tells us that God has acted on our behalf with a specific purpose in mind, **so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before Him.** God's purpose for giving us life and breath today is to make us fit for eternal life.

In our natural state, we are not so fit. **And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds...** We may not like being described in such a fashion, but can any of us truly say we've never sinned, that we've always behaved perfectly? In many different ways, the Bible repeats a simple truth, **that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. The wages of sin is death;** but God's eternal purpose has always been to bear that price Himself, **as Jesus has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death.** God doesn't want any of us to die; Jesus; crucifixion can mean life for us!

God has graciously addressed our sin problem by bearing its awful cost Himself. If we are smart enough to accept God's provision of grace, He next says to us, **"You shall be holy, for I am holy."** Psalm 15 says: **O Lord, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend their money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.** The reason we are alive today is so we will have the opportunity to learn how to live in the presence of God.

When the catechism says our chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever, it places a heavy religious burden upon us and is fundamentally incorrect. The reason you and I are alive today is because God loves each and every one of us, and *He* wants to enjoy *us* forever!

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Parish News & Events From St. John's Church

PARISH PICNIC — AUGUST 30TH

Time to mark your calendars for our annual Parish Picnic at the VFW grounds on the last Sunday of August.

Rudy Altobelli and Mariann Green will co-chair this year's event. There will be a meeting of the Planning Committee on Tuesday evening, July 21st, at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center.

If you have any suggestions for the 1998 Picnic, please let them know or call the Rectory. We hope this will be a good family celebration, blending generations of old and young to have fun together.

OVER-60 CLUB

The Club's trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, includes four shows: "Holiday Treasures," "Noah" at the Millelith Theatre, "Holiday Time" at the Living Waters, and "Jacob's Choice" at the Amish Experience Theatre, plus admission to Gettysburg, the Electric Map, and the Eisenhower

Farm.

Cost will be \$370/person, double occupancy. If interested, call Barbara, 786-7037, or Lil, 786-9586, and get your name on the list.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CCD Registration for 1998-99: Come to the Parish Office during business hours. All registrations should be in by **September 1st** so the program can get off to a smooth start. *But the earlier the better.*

Child safety has led to a **New Schedule** for classes:

Grades 1-4 — **Saturday** morning, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. (same).

Grades 5-7 — **Tuesday** evening, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

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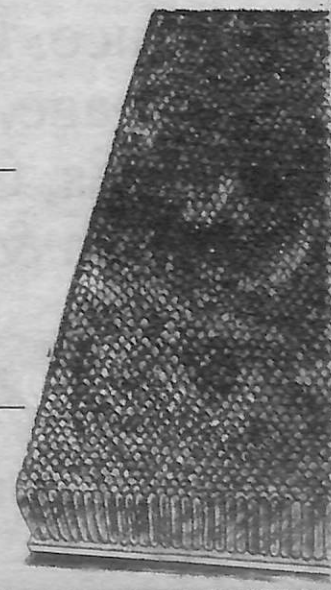
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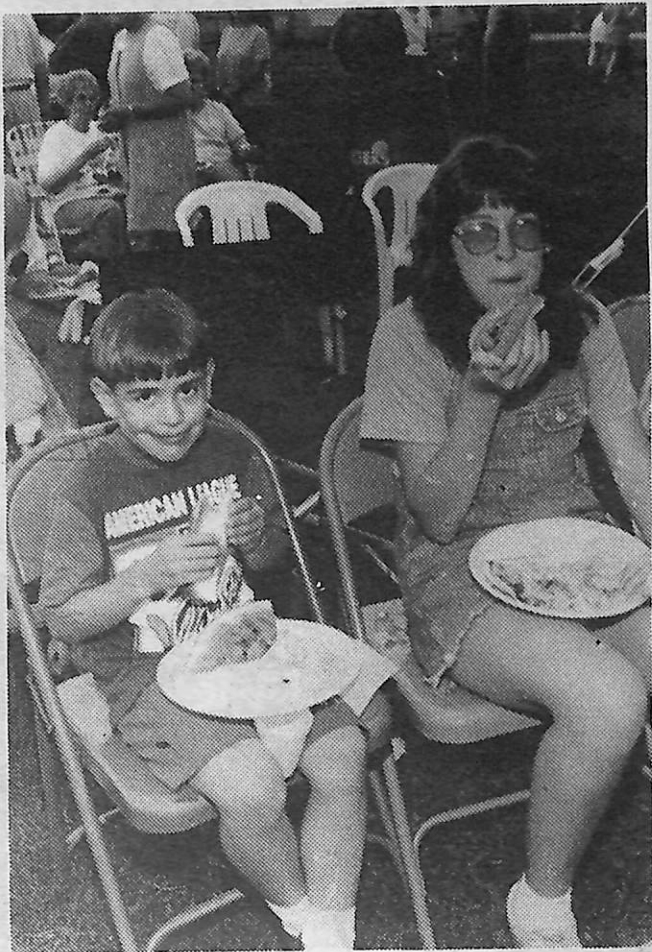
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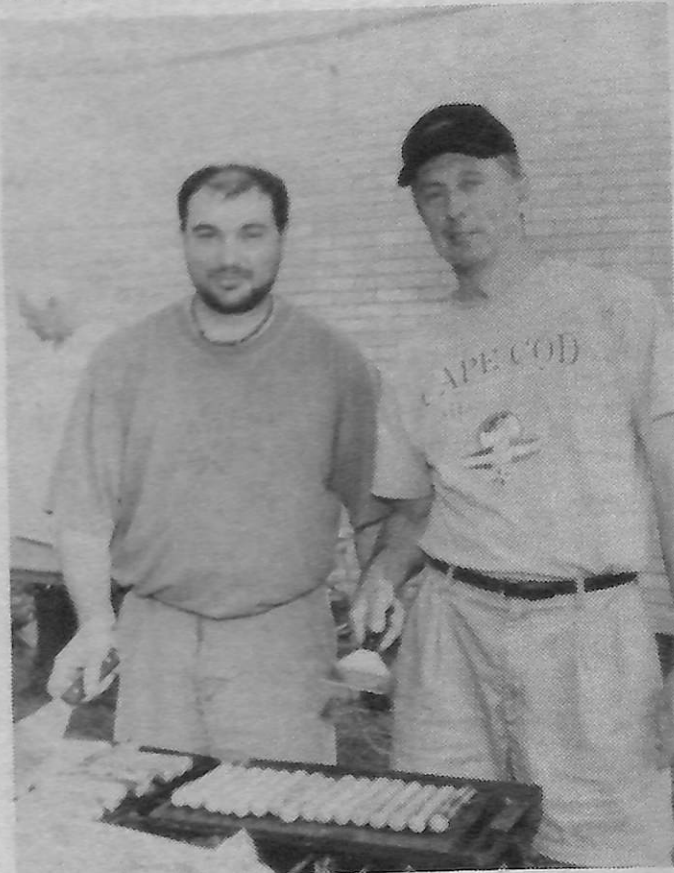
At Sacred Heart Church's Annual Picnic...



ENJOYING THEIR HOT DOGS were Christopher and Jessica Camp. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



RALPH AND SAL DEPALMA wait in line for all the delicious picnic treats. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MANNING THE GRILL at Sacred Heart: Manuel Lopes and John McCarthy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Vacation Bible Camp Coming To Ag. Congregational

The "Exodus Freedom Story" Summer Vacation Bible Camp at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, is scheduled for July 27th through July 31st, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

The children will experience the birth of Moses, his people's slavery in Egypt, and their exodus to freedom. Come and join us as we part the Red Sea, build the "Golden Calf," and build the Ten Commandment tablets. Through these activities, the children will partake in the freedom story.

Children ages two through the sixth grade are welcome to attend the camp. Older youths can volunteer as helpers to assist the teachers.

The cost of the camp is \$7 per child; the third child is free! Registration forms are available in the church office.

Please consider taking time to help us out to make this camp a huge success. Without YOU this cannot happen!

For more information, you may call the church office at 786-7111.



JEANNETTE DENONCOURT (at the podium), director of music at Sacred Heart Church, leads musicians and singers during the outdoor Mass prior to the parish's annual picnic on Saturday, June 20th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Weekly Calendar From
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This Sunday, July 19th, is the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. The Worship Service continues at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "Staying Focused," taken from Text: Luke 10:38-42. His Children's Message will be "Keep Your Eyes Open."

The Adult Education Classes will continue each Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Library, following the Worship Service. All are welcome to attend these classes.

The Summer Church School curriculum for church school ages pre-school through sixth grade continues. The program curriculum, "The Whole People of God," will be held downstairs each Sunday following the Children's Message, where there will be one class for all the children attending.

This program will run through the summer months. This week's class will be led by Dan Pender.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is canned juice.

Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

The Loaves & Fishes Program is this Monday, July 20th.

Anyone wishing to help serve the prepared meal at the Springfield kitchen may meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. and carpool over to Springfield.

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A baseball trip has been planned for Monday, August 24th, to see the New Britain Rockcats vs the Trenton Red Sox. The grand slam family four-pack is available that night and includes four tickets, four hot dogs, four fountain sodas, and four boxes of popcorn for only \$29.

The prepaid deadline is August 10th. We will carpool to the game. Contact Bill Martin, Dan Pender, or Rev. Curt Fuller at the church office, 786-7111, for more information.

Our deadline for articles, press releases, etc., is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon...

News & Notes From
F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church which is located at 21 North Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Summer worship hour begins at 9:15 a.m. The lectionary readings for this Sunday, the seventh Sunday after Pentecost, are Amos 8:1-12, Psalm 52; or Genesis 18:1-10a, Psalm 15, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42.

Rev. Donaldson will be away this Sunday. Our guest speaker will be Diane Ball. We also will welcome Jeanne Trinquet as our organist for the next two Sundays. Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents; nursery care will be provided for the very young by Connie Haynes.

Rev. Donaldson will be in Georgia until July 25th. He is part of a group from this church who will be helping to rebuild a church destroyed by arson. Please hold this team of rebuilders in your thoughts. Pray for the joyful completion of their task as well as their safe return. During worship on July 26th, the travelers will share some of their experiences with us.

Vacation Bible School will take place here on two Sundays in August. Sessions will be held on August 2nd and again on August 16th from 9:15 a.m. until 12:00 noon. If you have a child interested in attending, please keep these dates available. If you think you're too old to attend, think again. There are many ways in which you can help. Please speak to a member of the Board of Christian Education to sign-up for VBS.

On the calendar:

Thursday, July 16th: Newsletter deadline.

Saturday, July 18th: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Griswold Hall in use.

Sunday, July 19th: 9:15 a.m., Worship led by Diane Ball.

Monday, July 20th: 7:00 p.m., Trustees.

Tuesday, July 21st: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Deacons.

Thursday, July 23rd: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

"Summer Cookout"
At Spfld. Turnverein

The Springfield Turnverein of Agawam, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills is having a "Summer Cookout" on Saturday, July 18th.

Dinner will be served at the grill from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The menu will consist of German potato salad, sauerkraut, bratwurst, kielbasa links, hamburger, rye bread and butter, coffee, and cake.

Ticket price is \$7.50 per adult and \$2.50 for children under 12 years of age.

Reservations may be made by calling Christa Strehl at 786-0143 or the Club at 786-0924.

Following dinner, entertainment will be provided by Peter Froy from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Peter will play a variety of music, including German music.

Summer Worship
At First Baptist

Pastor Richard Barnes returns to the pulpit this Sunday morning for the 9:30 a.m. worship service. His sermon topic will be "Despite appearances to the Contrary..." His scriptural reference will be Genesis 39:1-23.

Everett Hodge will lead the responsive reading. Soloist Luther Johnson, baritone, will offer two special solos, with Martha Fletcher at the organ. Greeters for the morning include Debbie and Glenn Rennell, and Ralph and Jeanne Webster.

If you are a visitor in town, please feel welcome to attend our worship service. Our church is located at the corner of Main and Elm Streets in Agawam Center.

During the summer months, the leaders of Children's Church will be telling stories and doing crafts focusing on the Old Testament, beginning with the stories of Moses.

Children's Church is geared for kindergarten through third grade. Nursery care is provided every Sunday during worship for babies through age four.

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Tag Sale At St. Theresa's Church In Agawam...



GERTRUDE SPAGNOLI holds just one of the appliances that was available for purchase at St. Theresa's tag sale, which took place on Saturday, June 13th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH, a tag sale was held at St. Theresa's Church in Agawam. Among the parishioners who participated in this event were (from left to right) Madeline Belisle, Althea Cowles, and Fran Berwald. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Church Of The Bible Slates Bible Camp For July 20th-23rd

Agawam Church of The Bible invites children ages four through 11 to "Space Mission" Bible Camp. In this summer program, we will be transforming the Agawam Middle School into MISSION CONTROL, where the children will blast off on a journey of faith.

The program offers lively songs, skits, crafts, games, Bible stories, and snacks - all of the things that make Vacation Bible School so popular with children and their parents. In addition to all the fun, we will be helping kids grow in faith as they learn how God gives us courage and strength.

The fun begins Monday, July 20th at 9:00 a.m. at

the Agawam Middle School and is absolutely free. The program will run from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Monday, July 20th through Thursday, July 23rd.

Please arrive about 15 minutes early for registration on Monday.

We are looking forward to this very special opportunity for us to reach out to parents and children in our community, and share with them the joy of developing a personal relationship with God.

For more information, call Pastor Roger Martin at (413) 789-2904.



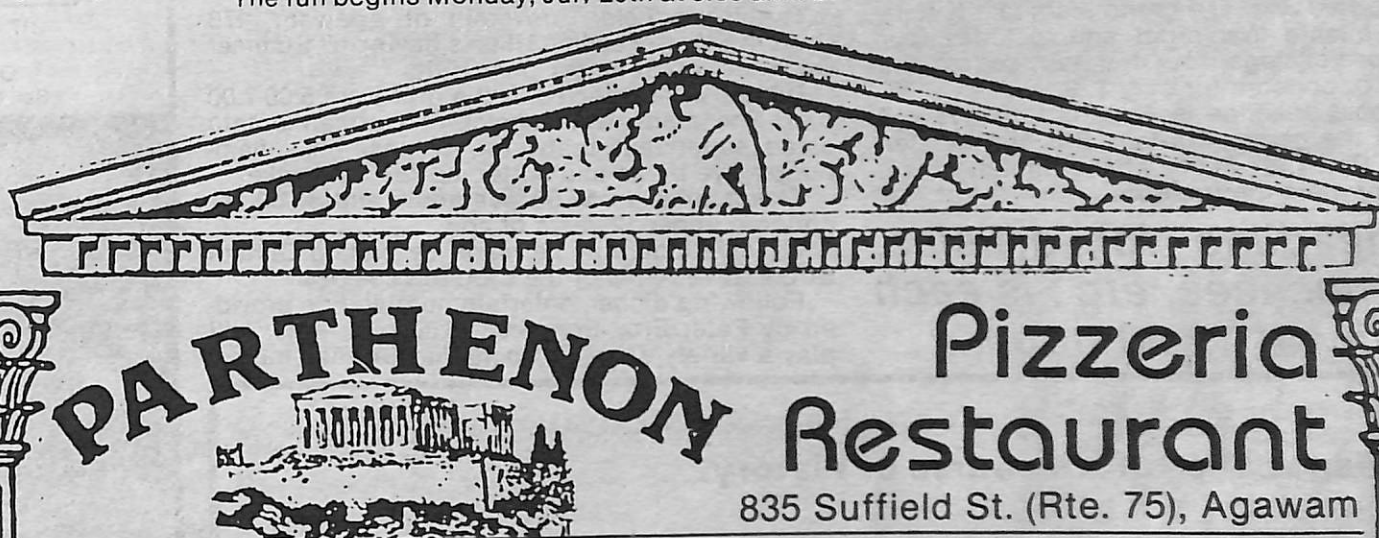
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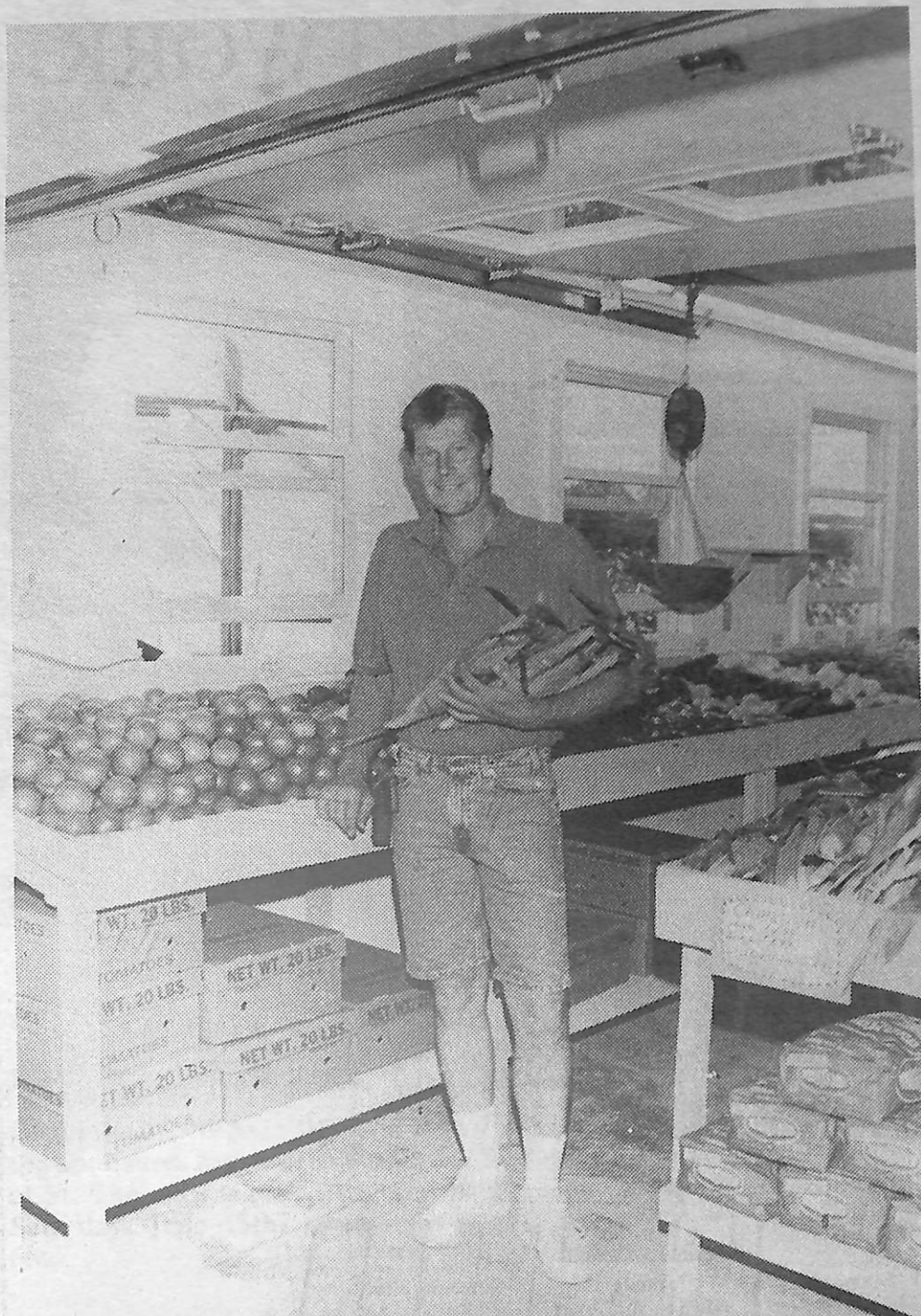
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**The "Risk of Trial"**

There are some that would say that unless you are prepared to receive nothing, don't risk a trial. No one can guarantee what a judge or jury might do. Case in point.

The defendant had offered \$200,000 to settle, but the plaintiff demanded \$450,000. Therefore, the case went to trial.

The case arose from a collision between the plaintiff's automobile and a large school bus owned by defendant company and operated by its employee.

The accident occurred at approximately 3:45 p.m. on December 5, 1994 at an intersection. It is undisputed that the intersection was controlled by a stop sign (where the bus was) and that there was no stop sign or traffic signal where the plaintiff was operating.

The plaintiff was transporting four children to a soccer game. The plaintiff testified that he was operating at the speed limit (45 mph) and as he approached the intersection, the bus suddenly pulled in front of him. Impact occurred between the front of the car and near the rear axle of the bus.

The bus driver testified that he stopped at the intersection (as to which there was no dispute) and looked in the direction from which the plaintiff's vehicle was coming before starting out. The bus driver claims he could not see the plaintiff's car.

A major factual dispute was whether the plaintiff's headlights were on. While the plaintiff insisted the headlights were on, the defense presented, through expert testimony, evidence that the headlight bulb (which had been recovered from the salvage yard) showed evidence of "hot shock," a pattern of damage that would have been expected in frontal collision of this severity, if the lights had been illuminated.

The defendant's expert also testified that the plaintiff's car, which was blue-gray in color, would have been very difficult to observe under the accident circumstances, in the absence of headlights.

The plaintiff had the opportunity to see a long yellow illuminated school bus crossing his line of vision. In short, the defense alleged that even though the school bus had the stop sign, and even though the car was within the bus driver's geometric line of vision, the plaintiff had the better opportunity to avoid the accident.

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3. Brown-bag a lunch on Aloha Friday and savor it along with noontime entertainment at Bishop

Square, downtown Honolulu.

4. Worship at historic Kawaiahao Church, where services are held in Hawaiian at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

5. Visit Hyatt's Hawaii, a display of Hawaiian arts and crafts and memorabilia at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort.

6. Stroll through Chinatown and get a look at Buddhist and Taoist temples, noodle factories, herb shops, and more.

7. Gather poolside at the Hilton Hawaiian Village on Friday evenings for the King's Jubilee, featuring hula performances, a fire knife dance, and a spectacular fireworks display.

8. Learn how to play the ukulele, string a lei, and dance the hula at the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center.

9. Watch expert surfers ride mammoth North Shore waves during the winter months.

10. Experience chado, "the way of tea," at the Urasenke Foundation's authentic Japanese teahouse on Saratoga Road in Waikiki.

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**COMMON SENSE**

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Common Sense Financial Rules...

Over the last several weeks, we've been talking about making your life simple again. (I'm sure you've heard of the KISS formula ... "Keep It Simple ... Sweetheart (or Stupid).")

This week, I thought I'd touch base on how you can use this theory in relationship to your finances.

I know that many of you are put off by the term "financial planning" ... you think that the idea of planning your future is only for those with larger incomes. Let me tell you that you don't have to earn a doctor's or a lawyer's salary to achieve financial security. Anyone, regardless of his/her job or income, can become financially independent as long as you follow these **SIMPLE** principles of financial planning...

SPEND LESS THAN YOU MAKE ... this sounds so incredibly easy/basic, but unfortunately most people can't manage to live within their means. Obviously, you cannot become financially independent if your spending regularly exceeds your income (unless you marry or inherit wealth).

SET UP AND FOLLOW A SAVINGS PLAN/BUDGET ... it sounds so easy and it makes so much sense, yet very few people do it. You should allot so much of your income for each expense, including investments and savings. The problem is that budgets are sometimes sabotaged by human nature. You tell yourself that you're budgeting for your needs, but what happens is that you wind up budgeting for your wants. There's a big difference ... and as soon as you can determine the two, the better off you'll be.

PAY OFF YOUR CREDIT CARD BALANCES ... the interest on these balances, like the interest on personal, installment, and car loans, is no longer tax-deductible ... and at annual interest rates of 18 percent or more, eliminating these non-deductible debts is one of the best financial decisions you'll

ever make. You wouldn't think of paying these types of interest rates on mortgages and cars ... why would you pay them on other things? (The answer is because you've been programmed by the banks to think it's O.K. ... it's normal, and everyone else does it.)

BUYING A HOUSE IS STILL A GOOD LONG-TERM INVESTMENT ... I believe that even though the double-digit growth in real estate values that we saw in the 1980's will probably not be repeated, it's still an important element in fashioning a sound approach to investing, and has to be done in conjunction with other financial planning. Too many people have felt that the only investing they have to do is to buy a home ... not true.

PAY YOURSELF FIRST ... sounds so simple ... and it is. I still hear people say that they've got "money burning a hole in their pocket." You must become disciplined. If you were to establish a routine of automatically diverting some of your paycheck into savings each month, you would become accustomed to making ends meet with less income than before. The money you save goes into building a portfolio that can be used for a retirement nest egg, a downpayment on a house, college education fund for your children, etc. The point is you can't spend what you don't have.

USE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS OR PREAUTHORIZED CHECKING FOR EASY SAVINGS ... The most effective method is to have the money you plan to invest come straight out of your paycheck or bank account. The 401(k) plans that many companies now offer are the ultimate in the payroll deduction approach to saving. These plans allow you to reduce your taxable income by automatically making monthly contributions to a tax-deferred savings plan with a variety of investment options, ranging from stocks to bonds to insurance contracts. As a bonus, many companies will match your contributions, up to a certain point. **MAXIMIZE YOUR 401(k) PLAN** ... you'll be amazed on how fast your funds grow!

BE AN OWNER (NOT A LOANER) OVER THE LONG TERM ... If you still have several decades to go before retirement, you should strongly consider contributing the bulk of your savings to stocks ... and not bonds or bank certificates of deposit. The reason is that over the long term, equities (stocks) have had a much higher rate of return than fixed-income securities (bonds), and

analysts say that they expect that pattern to continue in the future. Even though our country has numerous problems, I believe that we will address them, and that the next 20 to 30 years will present some of the greatest investment opportunities ever ... and the only way to share in these successes is through ownership. I urge you to consider investing in carefully selected mutual funds, where you buy into a diversified portfolio of stocks and gain access to a professional money manager who has those qualities you need to succeed in the market.

DON'T TRY TO "TIME THE MARKET" ... Market timing requires using key indicators to predict major shifts in the stock and bond markets ... and to shift your money from one investment to another. In theory this sounds great, but in practice it seldom works ... remember, you're investing for the long term.

ONE OF YOUR BIGGEST ENEMIES (IF NOT THE BIGGEST) IS PROCRASTINATION ... How many of you are going to read this article ... say that what you've read makes sense ... **AND DO NOTHING!** Let me make this very clear ... the earlier you start investing, and reaping the benefits of compounding (the earning of interest on interest), the better off you'll be ... and it's never too late to start. Don't get sidetracked by agonizing over what investment to buy ... Fund A or Fund B. Spend a reasonable amount of time researching the long-term track records of funds you are interested in ... then make sure that the portfolio managers responsible for their performance are still at the helm ... and that the expenses of the funds are in line with those of similar funds. Once you've completed that, go ahead and buy the investment and keep an eye on it.

"JUST DO IT!"

After reviewing these simple steps, I'm sure you agree that there's nothing difficult about what you've just read. **Set your goal to take action NOW!** I'm telling you, the day will come when you'll kick yourself because you waited too long to start ... don't let me say, "I told you so." Times are different from when our parents grew up ... and then retired. The future is now ... start TODAY.

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TRAVEL - from Page 21...

11. Hike to the top of Diamond Head, which got its name in the 19th century when sailors found calcite crystals sparkling in the volcanic crater and thought they were diamonds.

12. Picnic and fly kites in Kapiolani Park in Waikiki, which was named after King Kalakaua's wife.

13. Wake up early and witness the action at the Honolulu Fish Auction at Kewalo Basin, where fresh catches are displayed and sold to Oahu's chefs and merchants.

14. Salute the sailors who died aboard the USS Arizona, which was sunk at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

15. Admire 21 different varieties of pineapple at the Dole Varietal Garden in Wahiawa.

Hawaii is a wonderful destination to visit, and if you have the opportunity to visit the islands I strongly recommend it. Each of the Hawaiian Islands has something unique to offer.

If you are considering a trip to Hawaii, try to allow yourself enough time on each island so that you may really enjoy yourself and take in all the activities.

I wrote this article for one of our clients who will be leaving this week for Oahu with his family. We hope you have a wonderful time.

If you have any questions or concerns, my E-mail address is trlvconn@javanet.

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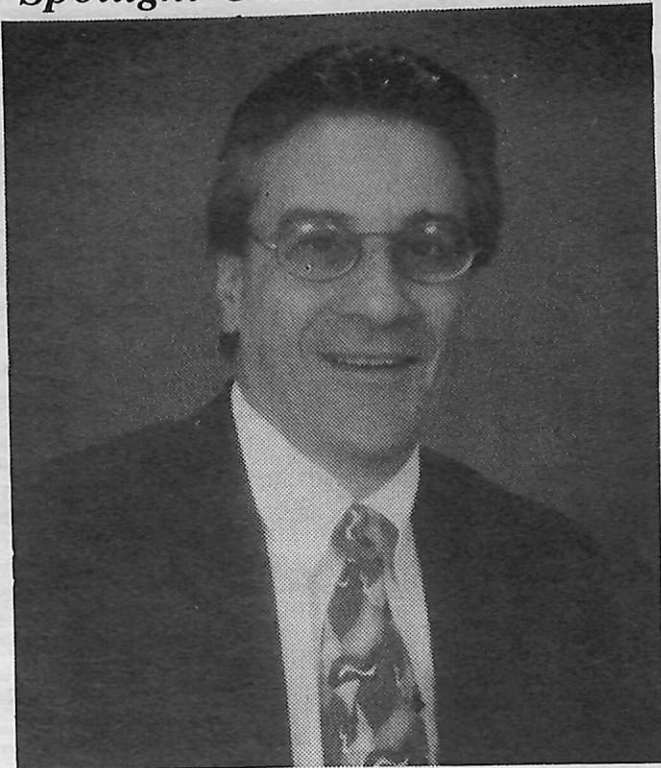
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A "Casual" Atmosphere...



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Bambi Pupils "Hop" For Easter Seals

Youngsters from Bambi School, Agawam, hopped recently to help people with disabilities expand their independence, raising \$259.76 in an Easter Seal HOP-N-ING.

The children spent a week learning about disabilities - what causes them, how disabilities effect people's everyday lives, the equipment used to cope. After that, they were ready to help.

Each child secured donations from family and friends for every hop performed during a three-minute HOP-N-ING. The funds raised help provide Easter Seal services for men, women, and children with disabilities.

Easter Seal services include summer camp, adaptive swim programs, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, equipment loan, technology for independence, support groups for people recovering from strokes, and information and referral services.

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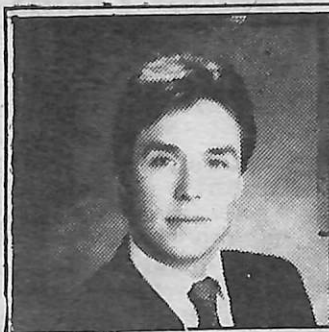
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Since Dr. Palmer's first rather primitive adjustment, the science of natural healing progressed rapidly. Today, x-rays aid your chiropractor in precisely locating the source of your problem. Sophisticated equipment helps make the treatment comfortable.

Medical research has shown chiropractic to be the safest of the healing sciences. Even as you read this, researchers are discovering more ways your chiropractor can help people of all ages to lead longer, fuller, and happier lives.

Today's doctors of chiropractic really earn their degree. All chiropractic colleges have a demanding curriculum. By the time they graduate, they've achieved a degree of competence in anatomy, physiology, bacteriology, toxicology, pathology, diagnosis, and x-ray.

In fact, today's doctor of chiropractic has as many hours of government-approved classes in these health-related subjects as any doctor graduating from medical school.

But most importantly for you, the doctor of chiropractic has also spent four full years studying the spine, joint relationships, and adjustive procedures.

At 103 years of age, chiropractic has evolved to the point that many chiropractors work quite successfully with children. Many enjoy equal success with geriatrics.

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'Summer Safety Picnic Tips' From Pioneer Valley Red Cross

The Pioneer Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, 506 Cottage St., Springfield offers the following "Summer Safety Picnic Tips."

• **Beware of Insect Stings:** If you have known allergies to insect stings, be sure to carry your insect sting kit. If you are stung, use a credit card to sweep away the stinger. Avoid wearing clothing with floral patterns that may attract insects. And if you have no known allergies to insect repellent, it can be used to help avoid insect stings.

• **Ticks:** If you find a tick, remove it by pulling steadily and firmly. Grasp the tick with fine-tipped tweezers, as close to the skin as possible, and pull slowly. Wash area and apply antiseptic or antibiotic ointment. Watch area for infection. See a physician if you see signs of a rash in that area.

• **Keep cold foods cold:** especially dairy foods should be kept cold to avoid food poisoning. Also, do not store perishable foods in the car where temperatures are usually hotter than outside the car.

• **Grills:** Keep children away from grills and lighter fluid. If someone is burned, follow these steps:

1. **Stop the burning** by putting out the flames or removing the victim from the source of the burn.

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3. **Cover the burn** loosely using dry, sterile dressings or a clean cloth.

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The American Red Cross has provided health and safety services to people across the country for more than 80 years as part of the organization's mission of emergency prevention and preparedness.

In developing training programs, the Red Cross relies on the consensus of American medical opinion represented by the American Heart Association's Emergency Cardiac Care Committee, the National Academy of Science Institute of Medicine and other widely noted experts in the field to define rescue techniques.

To enroll in a learn-to-swim class or to improve your swimming ability, contact your local Red Cross.

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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

An Herb For Anxiety

You've probably heard of the anti-depressant herb, St. John's Wort, but now there's another herb getting rave review. The herb is supposed to relieve anxiety.

Sixty-five million Americans suffer from anxiety. It's the number 1 mental health problem in the U.S. and many treat it with prescription drugs. But some people are now turning away from the prescription counter and reaching for an herb called Kava Kava, or simply Kava.

Herbal companies are marketing Kava to those with mild to moderate anxiety. Herbal advocates say it can be used for simple anxiety such as calming fears, or to treat people who have so much anxiety they can't even leave the house. Psychiatrist Harold Bloomfield has prescribed Kava to hundreds of patients. And he's just written a book on healing anxiety with herbs.

He says Kava is one of the superstars. "Recent research comparing it to valium-like drugs have shown it's just as effective and it has the advantage of not being addictive and not sedating as the valium drugs, and most important of all, it doesn't impair memory," says Bloomfield.

The American Medical Association doesn't have an official position on Kava. Several German studies and a yet to be published U.S. study show Kava is safe and can be effective, but experts warn some people should not take it.

Experts say, "You should not take Kava Kava if you are pregnant, if you are lactating, if you are a child under the age of 18, or if you are on anti-depressants or anti-anxiety medications ... because on those medications, you will increase the potency of the drug and you would get oversedated."

In conjunction with Kava, most experts recommended people learn to relax through some type of exercise of meditation.

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association.

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Then more questions arise: Does he need it? How do you adjust him? Doesn't it hurt his bones?

To respond to the first question: sometimes, yes, he does need to be adjusted; sometimes, no. Occasionally, I'll check the baby and he's fine, no problems at all. But, periodically, his little neck isn't functioning well at all. The joints are locked up. Why? Oftentimes it is due to the way they sleep (just like adults). Have you ever seen a baby sleep in a car seat or swing?

Their little neck is all contorted. Their muscles and ligaments are much more flexible than adults, but the joints of the spine still occasionally get restricted of proper motion.

How do I adjust him? Very gently. Using mild techniques, I carefully restore the proper motion to his spine. Does the adjustment hurt his bones? No, we're not moving the joints in any way they're not meant to go.

Chiropractic adjustments restore the natural motion, and joints should move with gentle techniques and motions. Oftentimes, I'll just use my fingertips to move the joints. At this age, the region that requires attention is the neck and cervical spine.

Babies are using the neck for all their motion, learning to hold their heads up and look around. The mid-back and lower back have not yet been used and have developed a natural curve. Therefore, there is little need to adjust this region until the crawling/walking stage.

How can I tell whether he needs to be adjusted? It is interesting to note that oftentimes when my baby is cranky for no apparent reason, his joints are locked up. I also make it a point to adjust him when he is stuffy or congested. This keeps the spine mobile, which keeps the nerves functioning 100 percent, which helps keep the immune system healthy and strong.

My six year-old son, Jack, has been adjusted since he was an infant, as Christopher is now. I am very fortunate to have two beautiful, healthy children, who I keep healthy by regular chiropractic adjustments!

Dr. Nelson offers gentle chiropractic care to all ages, from infants to the retired. Her office is located at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

**"Better Breathers"
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On Wednesday, July 22nd, the BETTER BREATHERS SUPPORT GROUP for people with C.O.P.D. (asthma, chronic bronchitis, or emphysema) will meet at Mercy Hospital, in the Deliso Conference Center, 271 Carew St., Springfield, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Peg Harrison, RN, RRT, a pulmonary nurse from the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation, will be the guest speaker and the topic for the program will be "when to call the doctor."

Lung disease, including asthma, emphysema, and chronic bronchitis, affects nearly 28 million people in the United States. Common symptoms are: shortness of breath, chronic mucus production, frequent chest colds, coughing up blood, chronic cough, and wheezing. Better Breathers is designed to be both educational and social.

Better Breathers is free of charge and open to anyone who is affected by lung disease, including their family and friends. For more information, call the American Lung Association at 737-3506 or Linda Chastain at 748-9610.

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For a fee, vaccinations are available through the Travel Clinic. Vaccinations available include: Yellow Fever, Cholera, Typhoid, Hepatitis, Meningitis, Polio, and Rabies. After receiving the required vaccinations, the traveler would be issued a validated International Vaccination Card or "yellow card."

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Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

At this meeting, information will be shared about the National Stroke Association.

Diabetes Support Group: Tuesday, June 28th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A.

Free of charge and open to individuals suffering from diabetes and their support persons.

Lynne Jasak, M.S.R.D., will speak to the group about nutrition and the diabetes patient.

COURSES/PROGRAMS:

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Arts

AHS Teacher Meets Actress Geena Davis At B.U. Arts Reunion

Agawam High School art teacher Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal and her husband, Reidar, recently met with actress Geena Davis at this year's Boston University School for the Arts Reunion. Davis, who received an Academy Award in 1989 for her Best Supporting Actress role as a dog trainer in "The Accidental Tourist," was one of the award recipients at this year's reunion, and her enthusiasm for her career illuminated her presence.

A limited number of people were given tickets to what was touted as an afternoon "Master's Class" given by the actress. However, this was nothing other than an audience question-and-answer period which opened with Davis receiving a plaque presented by Mr. Shelley, the Boston Mayor's representative, proclaiming the day as "Geena Davis Day" in Boston.

Davis stated that she was brought up in Wareham, Massachusetts, where her parents still reside. At the early age of three, she announced to them that she wanted to become an actress and since that time, they have always been supportive of her career choice.

Her early performances took place in her cellar, where (with a friend) they would use pantyhose on their heads for long hair. Through life, she said she has always taken her work seriously, respected it, and has been protective of her lifelong goal — acting. Davis described her best personality trait as being tenacity, a stick-to-it attitude, and believing in what she does.

She felt her confidence increasingly grow, but like most others she has a fit of nerves the night before starting a movie, thinking she can't do it. She picks her film parts only is she can see herself in the roll.

Davis liked her training at Boston University, as there were many different philosophies, approaches, and techniques presented (plus, she could create her own). She described it as an affirming experience. She remembered them telling her to lose her Boston accent. The last time she was in a stage production was when she was at the college. She now considers Broadway scary, but would not rule it out.

After B.U., Davis went to New York and did some modeling, which included body parts. One day, the modeling agency sent her out and she was cast in "Tootsie." She said she had a good agent and found actor Dustin Hoffman and director Sydney Pollack encouraging. She never had been on a movie set before and was treated by them as a peer and felt respected.

Davis gained most of her knowledge from them, as they set a desirable tone. She said she had no patience for directors who treated actors like children or sheep. She feels there are not enough complicated parts for women, and she would like to experience something major. Her agent called it an "exotic flower" part. She is interested in doing a period piece.

Davis's most famous personality was playing Thelma in "Thelma and Louise," for which she was nominated for an Academy Award and a Golden Globe. She read the script a year before being chosen. She stated she would have played any part in that movie just to be in it for the experience, but she liked her part because Thelma changed so much in four days. She figured if there was ever a sequel, it would be a 30-second one between the time the car leaves the cliff and it hits the ground.

When making "A League Of Their Own," Davis was baseball-trained for it, but all the cast knew for sure when they went before the cameras day-to-day was what uniform to dress in for that scene



GERALDINE ANN SCHILLING-NORDAL and her husband, Reidar, with actress Geena Davis at this year's Boston University School for the Arts Reunion.

— the dirty one or the clean one. When she was at-bat, director Penny Marshall would stand in the grandstand and use a megaphone, giving directions in her distinctive voice. Davis said she never could understand whether she was to hit or miss the ball.

When her part in "Hero" called for her to cry, she purchased a bag of onions and practiced crying, but when she went before the cameras nothing happened. She even tried looking at photographs of dead relatives. Finally, the crew rubbed onion juice all over her clothing — she cried. She said some of the dialogue from that movie came from "Thelma and Louise."

Her most unpleasant movie experience happened in "The Long Kiss Goodnight" with Samuel L. Jackson. She thought a set would be built for a particular scene, but when the time came a hole was cut in the ice on a lake and she had to climb into it. After three takes, her whole body was in pain. In another scene, she remembers her face being so cold it stuck. She said special effects often try to make characters believable, but she does 90 percent of the stunts herself, remembering that during a fire scene she prayed, "Don't let me catch on fire!"

Davis has considered directing, but she's discarded the idea. Asked where she sees herself

in 10 years, she responded she hopes to have a few more challenging parts so she can learn, grow, and get better. She would like to work with Al Pacino, as she feels he gets better with age and she would like to age the same way.

Davis's other accomplishments include appearing on television in "Sara," becoming a tennis pro on "Remington Steel," and starring in, writing, and directing an episode of "Buffalo Bill." She received a Best Actress nomination for her part in "Speechless" (a movie she co-produced) and for her part in "A League Of Their Own." Davis has also performed in "The Fly," "Beetlejuice," "Earth Girls Are Easy," "Quick Change," and "Angie."

Even though she has a major career, Davis does not consider it a stressful one. She lives for her next job and has a good time during her time off. Davis named Tom Hanks, Rosie O'Donnell, Dustin Hoffman, and Susan Sarandon as her friends.

As Oscar winners this year were seated in alphabetical order, she considered it a pleasure to be placed between Sean Connery and Robert DeNiro. She concluded by saying that if her acting career did not work out, she would have considered it a "real drag" if she had to go back to school for something else. Fortunately, she is considered one of Hollywood's most sought-after actresses.

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Wheeler is now on a cross-country tour supporting her third album, *The Harvest*, which was produced by Grammy-nominated bluegrass artist Laurie Lewis. Wheeler was recently featured on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," and her latest release has garnered much national acclaim.

She began songwriting in the Maryland suburbs of Washington D.C. during her high school years and began performing more seriously after graduating from Hampshire College, gravitating toward the famed Iron Horse Music Hall in Northampton. Her career took a major leap forward in 1992 with the release of her debut album, *From That Far*.

The album won a spot on many "Best of 1993" press and radio lists. Along the way, she has played folk music's most respected halls and festivals and opened for many of her heroes, including the Indigo Girls, Shawn Colvin, and Iris Dement.

Opening Wheeler's performance will be guitarist Michael Baggetta of Agawam. The show is free and open to the general public.

The Summer Concert Series is sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Agawam Rotary Club. Persons needing additional information can contact the Rotary Club at 789-7393.

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THE CURTAIN HAS CLOSED on the first of three STAGE Children's Theatre productions, "The Magic of Oz" (pictured above). All performances were sold out. Coming up next is a Celtic fairytale called "A Dragon's Heart," which will be presented July 24th and 25th at 7:30 p.m., and July 25th and 26th at 2:00 p.m., at the Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. Tickets are \$5, and all seats are reserved. Call (413) 789-2026.

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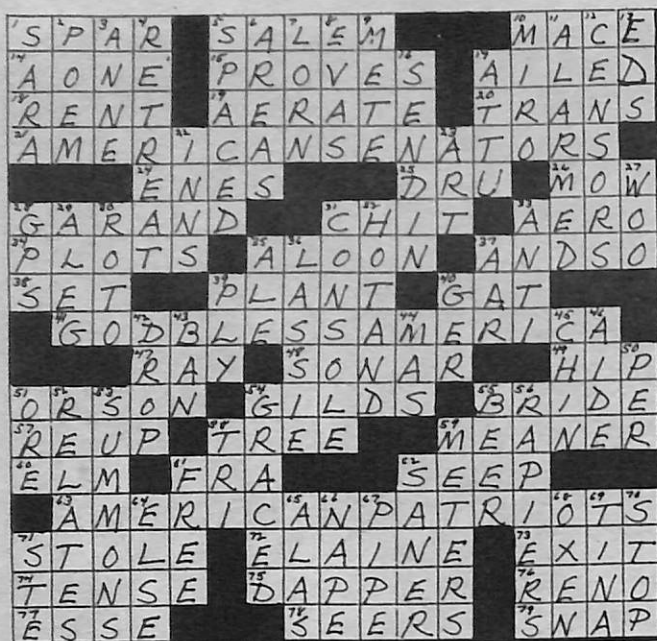
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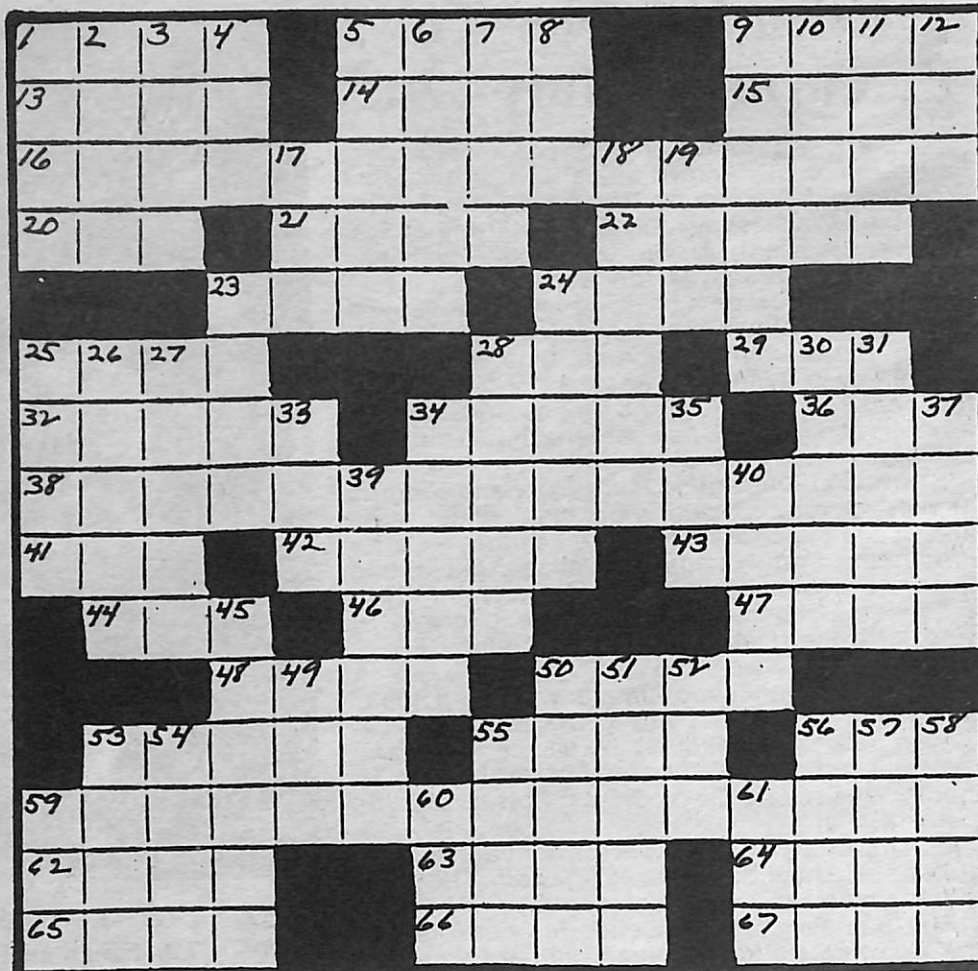
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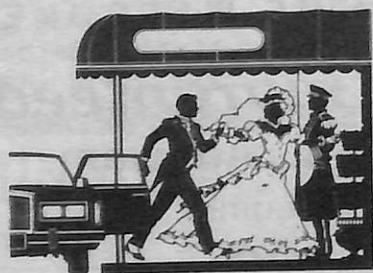
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Lottery prize drawings are held on Fridays for everyone who has read for at least one hour during the previous week, and the prizes range from

gifts and gift certificates donated by local merchants and civic organizations to puzzles and games donated by the Milton Bradley Company. Winners will be notified by telephone after the drawings.

This year's statewide theme is UNLOCK THE MYSTERY - READ! and is jointly sponsored by individual local libraries and the Massachusetts Regional Library System. A number of Massachusetts tourist attractions are offering free and reduced ticket rates to reading program participants, as well.

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On Thursday, June 18th, Rooms 203, 205, and 206 at Agawam Middle School presented the program "A Trip Back In Time," a historical review of highlights from our nation's past featuring the singing and acting talents of these Middle School students.

The program began with the song "This Land is Your Land," which was performed by all three classrooms. Then Room 206 performed "Indian Story: The Creation," followed by "Yankee Doodle."

The "Revolutionary Tea" Song and famous Revolutionary quotes were presented by Room 205. Room 203 continued the show with the "National Anthem" and the "Dakota Dugout Skit."

The rest of the program went as follows:

"Sweet Betsy" (Room 206); "Drill Ye Terriers" (Room 203); "Yankee Peddler Skit" (Room 203); "Gettysburg Address Skit" (Room 206); "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" (Room 203); "Susan B. Anthony Skit" (Room 205); "Statue of Liberty Skit" (Room 206); "Take Me Out to the Ball Game"/"Casey Skit" (Room 203); "Amelia Earhart Skit" (Room 205); "1940's Skit" (Room 203); "Dr. Martin Luther King Skit" (Room 206); "Classroom Skit" (Room 206); "The 80's and 90's Slide Presentation"; and the finale — a reprise of "This Land is Your Land" by the three classrooms.

Congratulations to the following students and their teachers for such an entertaining show:

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AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS from Rooms 203, 205, and 206 (above and below) carried various flags during their presentation of "A Trip Back In Time," a historical review of highlights from our nation's past. The program was not only an educational and entertaining experience for the audience, but also a showcase for the various talents of the participants. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



MIDDLE SCHOOL PUPILS (in left photo) were attired in Native American costumes during "A Trip Back In Time." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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The Massachusetts Prevention Centers will be welcoming Agawam High Peer Leaders to the 13th Annual Massachusetts Peer Institute. The Peer Institute, a three-day advanced learning experience focusing on youth leadership and community health issues, takes place on August 11th-13th at Wheaton College in Norton, Mass.

"Youth Leading the Way: Building Healthy Communities" is the theme for this year's event.

Three youth peer leaders from Agawam High Peer Leaders have been selected to attend the Peer Institute because of their outstanding contributions to the group and their community. They are **Jesci Siegler**, 16, of Feeding Hills; **Martha Manning**, 17, of Feeding Hills; and **Jennifer McGuire**, 17, of Agawam.

Agawam High Peer Leaders is a peer leadership group that provides education and prevention training and encourages youth to choose healthy lifestyles and learn to avoid drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products. The program is part of Agawam High School in conjunction with Agawam Public Schools' Health Department, 760 Cooper St. The group's peer advisor, Chicopee resident Linda Sasso, can be reached at 413-821-0530.

Peer leaders attending the Peer Institute will participate in sessions focusing on diversity, interactive workshops, and creative exercises that will assist them in learning new leadership skills and developing action plans to take back to their communities for implementation.

Peer Institute participants include 200 peer leaders and 54 adult advisors from 58 cities and towns statewide. The event is facilitated by 30 alumni Peer Institute youth, and 20 Prevention Center staff. This year's Peer Institute participants range in age from 14 to 20 years-old.

A collaborative effort, the Peer Institute is sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, facilitated by teams of youth and adults from the 10 Massachusetts Prevention Centers and coordinated by Prevention Support Services at The Medical Foundation, Boston.

For more information about peer leadership and the Peer Institute, call Prevention Support Services at The Medical Foundation, 617-451-0049, or contact your regional Massachusetts Prevention Center.

Area Students Receive Degrees From AIC

American International College President Harry J. Cournotes awarded 421 degrees at the College's 113th Commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 17th, at the Springfield Civic Center.

Among this year's graduates were the following local students:

* From Agawam -

Mary Cauley, Master of Arts (Guidance); **Michael Larouche**, Bachelor of Arts (General Business); **Laurel Leyden**, Bachelor of Science (Nursing); **Heather Magistri**, Bachelor of Science (Nursing); **Jennifer Moccio**, Bachelor of Science (Nursing); **Cynthia Palazzi**, Master of Education (Elementary Education); **Meredith Quitno**, Master of Education (Special Education); and **Barbara Wojciechaski**, Master of Arts (Human Resource Development).

* From Feeding Hills -

Scott Dinsmore, Bachelor of Science (Physical Therapy/Human Biology).

AIC is a private, coeducational college founded in 1885. The College offers more than 35 undergraduate programs in the Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Psychology and Education, and the Divisions of Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Nursing.

Steven J. Bertolino Named A College Scholar At Middlebury

Steven J. Bertolino, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. Bertolino of Agawam, has been named a College Scholar for the spring term at Middlebury College.

The College Scholar represents the highest level of academic achievement at the liberal arts college in Vermont.

To be selected as a College Scholar, students must carry a full course load of four classes during the semester, achieve a grade point average of 3.6 or better, and have earned no grade lower than a "B-."

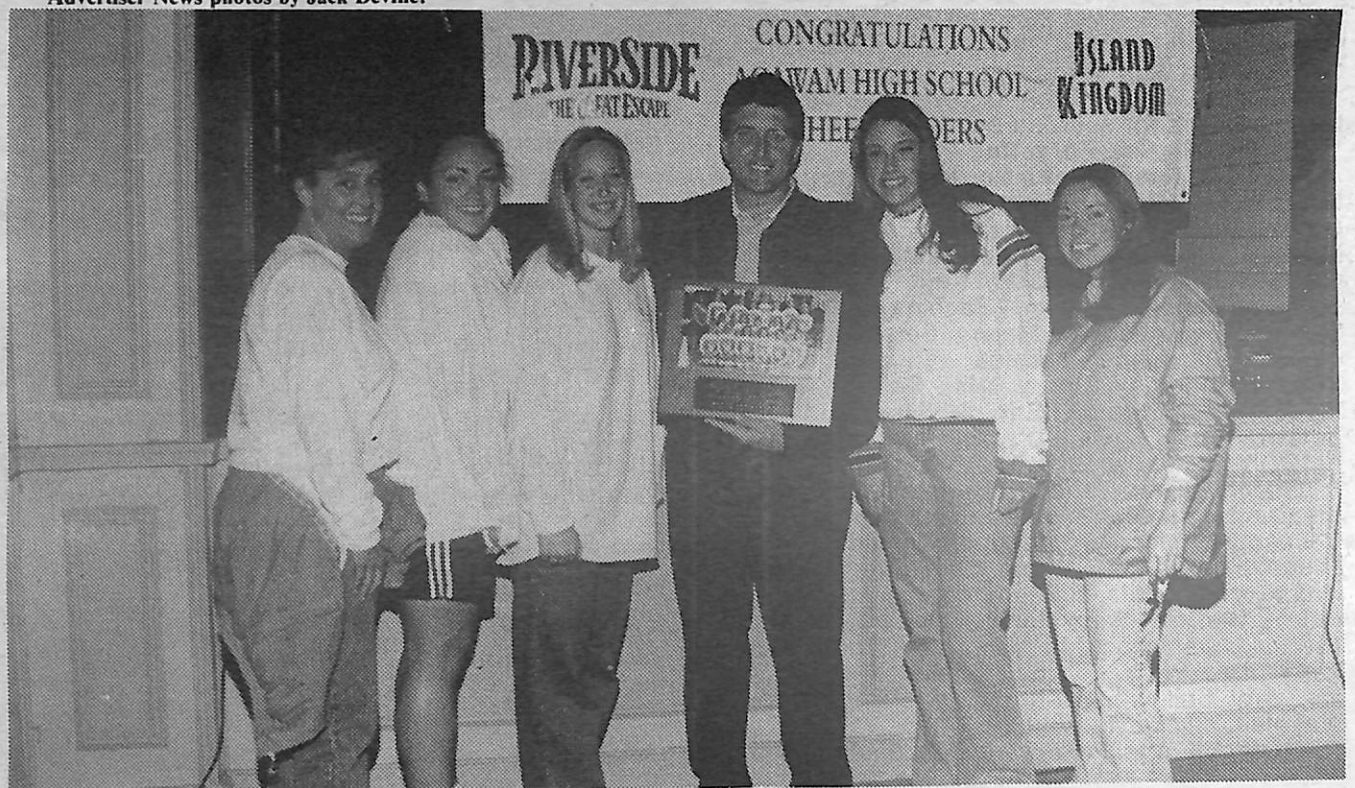
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Riverside Congratulates AHS Cheerleaders...



RIVERSIDE PARK GENERAL MANAGER BILL MUIRHEAD recently presented a plaque to the Agawam High Varsity Cheerleaders to commemorate their recent performance at the Can Am National Cheerleading Competition in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. **IN TOP PHOTO:** Muirhead with the cheerleaders. **IN PHOTO BELOW:** Coach Kimberly Hebert, Kristin Ferguson, Michelle Kowalewski, Muirhead, Sheree Cardin, and Kadie Barrington.

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Some "Crazy Clothes"



ON FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH, Granger Elementary School held "Crazy Clothes Day." Among the students who participated in the festivities were Morgan Lockwood and Valerie Lemieux (pictured above). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Michael K. Rose Honored By Northeastern Univ.

Michael K. Rose, son of Raymond Rose, Jr. of Agawam, and the late Christine Rose, received the Joseph Arthur Coolidge Achievement Award during a Northeastern University honors banquet.

Rose is a physics major and a member of Northeastern's class of 2001. He is also the treasurer and secretary of the Society of Physics Students, a Travelli Fund Scholar, and a recipient of the Lawrence Research Award for Undergraduates.

The Joseph Arthur Coolidge Achievement Awards were established in 1977 in memory of Professor Coolidge, who was a member of Northeastern's faculty from 1911 through 1954, and Chairman of the physics department from 1912 to 1935.

They are given annually to outstanding junior, middler, and sophomore students majoring in physics who have demonstrated academic excellence, soundness of character, and leadership abilities.

Boston-based Northeastern University grants degrees through six colleges and nine graduate and professional schools. Under the University's cooperative education program, students alternate terms of paid, professional work experience with traditional classroom instruction during a five-year undergraduate course of study.

Representing a wide variety of cultural and ethnic groups, students come from throughout the United States and more than 100 other countries to experience Northeastern's dynamic learning environment.

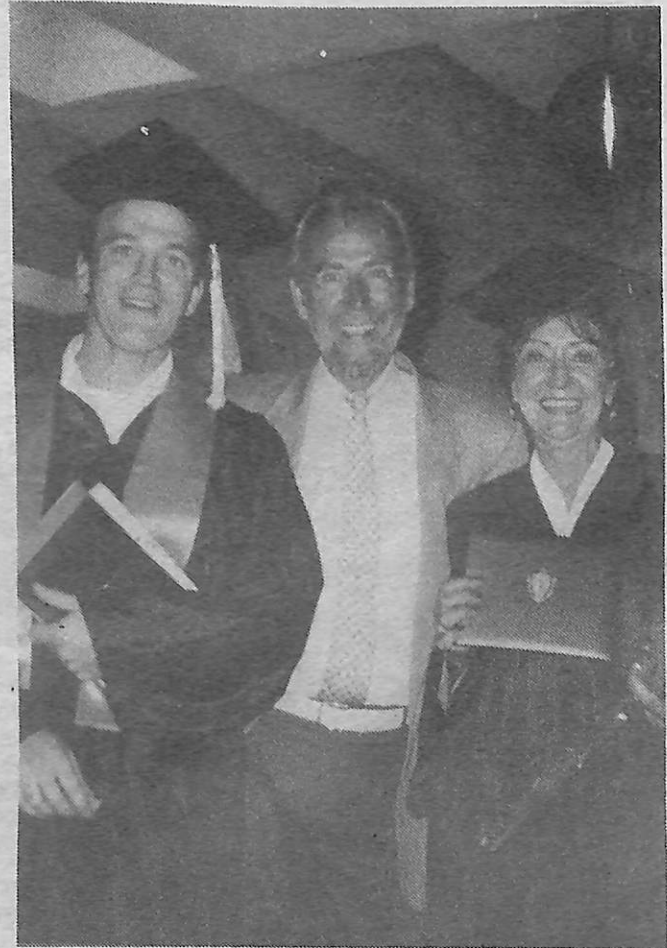
Timothy LeDoux On First Honors Dean's List At Clark Univ.

Timothy LeDoux of Agawam has been named to first honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This marks outstanding academic achievement during the spring 1998 semester.

To be eligible for this honor, students must have a grade-point average of 3.8 or higher. LeDoux is an international development major.

Clark University is a research university with a liberal arts college and several graduate schools. Located in Worcester, it was founded in 1887 and is the oldest graduate school in New England and the second oldest in the United States.

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Graduation Day Is A Family Affair For Ruth Bitzas And Son

Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas and her son, Gary L. Fields, a native of Agawam, recently graduated from Holyoke Community College.

Gary is a Senior Appraiser and earned his Associate's Degree in Business Administration with High Honors.

His mom earned her Associate's Degree in Arts and Science with a Human Service Option, graduating with Honors.

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Carolyn Clini Receives Garden Club Scholarship



CAROLYN CLINI thanks the members of the Agawam Garden Club for the scholarship.

Area Students Graduate From HCC

Holyoke Community College held its 52nd annual commencement ceremony on June 6th on the campus lawn. A total of 681 students received either associate degrees or certificates.

HCC alumnus David Gruel, former flight director for the Mars Pathfinder Mission, delivered the keynote address. HCC President David Bartley also addressed the graduates.

The following area students graduated from Holyoke Community College:

*** From Agawam -**

Kristen A. Arnett, Melissa L. Benerakis, Ruth Carr Bitzas, Thomas J. Bobrowski, Hillary Burt, Andrea M. Cichetti, Edward B. Connor, Carmen Daigneault, Gerry Gosselin, Erin T. Griffin, Mark S. Halbach, Michio Isogai, John A. Krawiec, Jacqueline R. Nareau-Toti, Allison Nowak, Philippa J. Owen, Danielle M. Parent, and Jill M. Rullmann.

*** From Feeding Hills -**

Robin Ann Magagnoli, Robert W. Magistri, Kimberly J. McKay, Sharol A. Menard, Lisa R. Montgomery, Laura J. Ringuette, Dennis J. Clark, and Kevin M. Kellerman.

Carolyn Clini, daughter of Judith and Stephen Clini of Cambridge Street, Feeding Hills, is the recipient of the Agawam Garden Club's annual scholarship.

The presentation was made by Garden Club president Barbara Pemberton at a recent Garden Club meeting. Miss Clini, a June graduate of Agawam High School, responded by reading from her letter of application.

An influencing factor in her selection is that she has had an involvement with Garden Club activities through most of her growing-up years. As the daughter of a Garden Club member and past president, Carolyn had an unusual exposure to gardening.

"Over the years, I have arranged flowers and exhibited them through the Garden Club. I have toured gardens and gone to flower shows," she read. "When I was younger, I used to help with the annual plant sales and tended the Captain Leonard House garden, and made wreaths for the doors in winter."

Carolyn also helped with decorations for Storowton Village's annual Yuletide celebration. She has and still designs the cover of the Garden Club's annual book. She is familiar with a range of plant varieties and enjoys buying new specimens for her garden, she said.

She also expects to sell photographs that she takes and her paintings of flowers.

In the fall, Carolyn will be attending Westfield State College.

Agawam Resident To Enroll In Salem State College Honors Prog.

Maureen Dimock, a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School, is enrolled in the Salem State College Honors Program for the fall as a communications major.

Dimock is a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship for students who participate in the Honors Program.

The Salem State College Honors Program currently enrolls approximately 100 students in all academic majors and requires a high school G.P.A. of 3.3 or better with a combined S.A.T. score of 1100 or better.

Jr. High Non-Users Club Holds Annual "Summer Contest"

To help members remember their pledges over the summer, the Agawam Junior High Non-Users Club again held its annual "Summer Contest" in which the following thought had to be completed:

I'm going to stay alcohol, drug and tobacco free this summer because...

Winning first place and six movie tickets was Kathleen Demetron with the following entry:

"I'm going to stay alcohol, drug and tobacco free this summer because I plan on having an enjoyable summer. I am going to play tennis and other summer sports. I also would not want to start a reputation for myself that I could never change."

Second place and four movie tickets went to Alyssa Goodrow's entry. *"I'm going to stay alcohol, drug and tobacco free this summer because I've seen the toll it takes on the body both emotionally and physically. I owe it to myself to keep my mind and body healthy. Drugs can get in the way of my hopes and dreams, and under no circumstances will I permit that to happen."*

Adam Stacy's entry earned third place and two movie tickets. *"I'm going to stay alcohol, drug and tobacco free this summer because I would not want to ruin my life over something that drains your wallet and will earn you a gravestone."*

Honorable mention went to excellent entries by Jodie Pfau, Kathryn Feato, Celyn Williams, Michael Defilippi, and Nicole Gutowski.

The movie tickets were provided by the Agawam Junior High School PTO. The 350 Non-Users Club members (about half the school population) signed contracts agreeing to stay away from alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

In return, they have been provided with monthly activities befitting such a drug, alcohol, and tobacco free lifestyle. Such a large group also provides a large support network of peers to reinforce their commitment.

This "Summer Contest" is meant to give one last boost to their "Non-Users attitude" before the long vacation.

Bay Path To Host July 25th Open House

Bay Path College will hold an Open House for prospective students and their families on Saturday, July 25th, from 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

This informative session will include a campus tour; opportunity to meet Bay Path President Carol Leary and faculty members; a complimentary luncheon, the presentation *Making the Campus Visit Count*; and an overview of admissions, academics, and financial aid at the college.

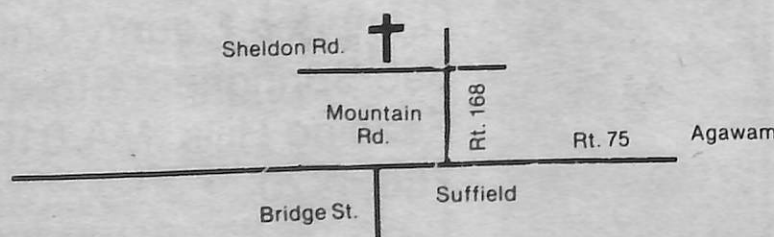
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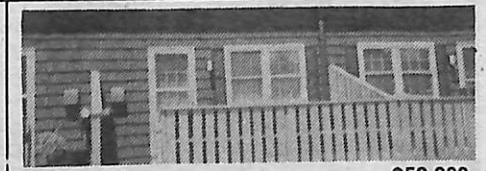
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Girls' Summer Soccer League...

Agawam Lifts Record To 6-3-1 With Victory Over Gateway

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' Summer Soccer league team beat Gateway at the Middle School Tuesday evening, 2-1, lifting their record to 6-3-1 on the season. The girls did it with some timely defense and an offense which made the most of its opportunities.

Seven seconds into the game, Agawam's Amanda Tilden got off a point-blank shot that was stopped by the Gators' goalie. That seemed to serve notice that the Summer Brownies had come ready to play. However, Gateway wasn't impressed. Three minutes later, they came back and scored on a shot 20 feet out into the left of the Agawam net, making it 1-0.

The Gateway offense, with the adrenaline rush a goal usually supplies, put on more pressure. Nine minutes in, they were swarming the Agawam box. Only some good play by Kerry McGeoghan, Kate Shannon, and Ali Jackobek kept them from touching the back of the net for a second time.

As so often happens in soccer, a good showing by the defense pumps up the offense. At the 11:20 mark, Tilden (in the middle) headed the ball to Courtney Adamczyk, who booted it home from 20 feet in front to tie it at 1-1.

Some good right wing work by Gina Loudfoot (with 16 minutes gone) led to another scoring opportunity for Agawam. But they couldn't cash in.

A few minutes later, one Gateway shot just missed wide right. The next testing shot was tracked down by Brownie keeper Franca Bonavita. Coming back, Loudfoot and Tilden worked a pass-and-go that saw Tilden's shot from the middle go just wide left of the Gator goal. Another push up the left wing by Ann Paquette, Adamczyk, and Tilden saw Agawam with another opportunity. They couldn't connect, but the momentum was there.

Tied At The Half...

With five minutes to go in the half, Kara Tierney, Adamczyk, and Paquette kept up the pressure. They created a scramble in the dust 10 feet from the Gateway goalmouth, but came away empty and slightly frustrated. The half ended 1-1. Agawam had seven shots on net in the first 35 minutes, as opposed to four for Gateway.

The visitors must have gotten some kind of lecture from their coach because they were in the Agawam zone for over nine minutes at the beginning of the second half. Yet, the Brownie defense, led by a host of players (including sweeper Jenn Marr, McGeoghan, Shannon, and Loudfoot), did not allow them a single shot on net.

It was even-up soccer after that tense time until the 13:10 mark, when the Brownies began to click. Paquette stole the ball off a Gator's foot and penetrated the enemy zone. She was double-teamed but had gotten the ball deep enough for a play to be set up. Tilden took a deflected ball high on the right wing and raced down the sideline.

From 40 feet out, she lofted a shot that sailed gently over the keeper's head and nestled into the far left-hand corner of the goal. It was a nifty goal and it was the game-winner.

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event has been held there. First it was financed by the giant construction company Bayer-Mingolla, headed by the late Cuz Mingolla and his son, Teddy (great golfing fans). They enjoyed some success.

However, when they left, various sponsors took it over. The purse dropped, the big names passed it up. Now it is known as the CVS Charity Classic, which will be played July 23rd-26th. Did the LPGA do much of a study on the golfing environment there?

In the end, the entire region is the big-time loser. Marquee events such as these are not easy to come by. Once gone, the fabric of both the host community and the surrounding area becomes not as tight, not as cohesive.

This is a loss for golfers, sports enthusiasts, and those civic-minded people who beamed with pride about this major-league event held right on Shoemaker Lane.

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FRANCA BONAVIDA (left) and KAITLIN WHITE (right) are playing well in goal for the summer soccer Brownies, and they should be valuable members of the AHS varsity squad this coming fall. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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At Riverside Speedway...

Lagacy Racing Is Building An Impressive Legacy

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

For the past nine years, Lagacy Racing of Agawam has had a good run, literally, at Riverside Speedway. Their driver, E.J. (Ernie Junior) Lagacy, with a crew led by his dad, team owner Ernie Senior, along with crew chief Tom Gonet and crew members Jay Kamyk and Arthur Daniels, have been successful in just about every class of racing machine at the track.

E.J., who is 32, started racing figure 8 Enduros in 1989 and came away with two victories. The guys built a strictly stock Camaro in 1990 and E.J. drove it to a feature win. It was onward and upward in 1991 when he won seven heats and three features in the Strictly Stock Division.

It was Strictly Stocks again in 1992. E.J. and the guys continued to taste success with 10 heat wins and a fifth-place finish in the points championships. But they didn't stop there, as 1993 saw E.J. grab one feature win, 12 heat wins, and a second-place spot in the points championship.

It was on to another division in 1995 — late models, where they rebuilt a machine that proved to be competitive by winning two heats. Continuing in the late models, E.J. produced one feature and three heat victories to cap the 1996 campaign.

Then, in a move that left many locals puzzled, the track announced they were dropping the late models after the 1997 season. E.J. went out and came back victorious in six heats and one feature. His performance also saw him take seventh in the points battle.

Truck Time...

Then, it was truck time. The team, which had considered racing their late model somewhere else, made the decision — switch to trucks. They built a GM Short Bed over a chassis by "Lagacy Enterprises" from the ground up, stuck in a 355 cubic inch mill which puts out over 300 horses, and went racing again.

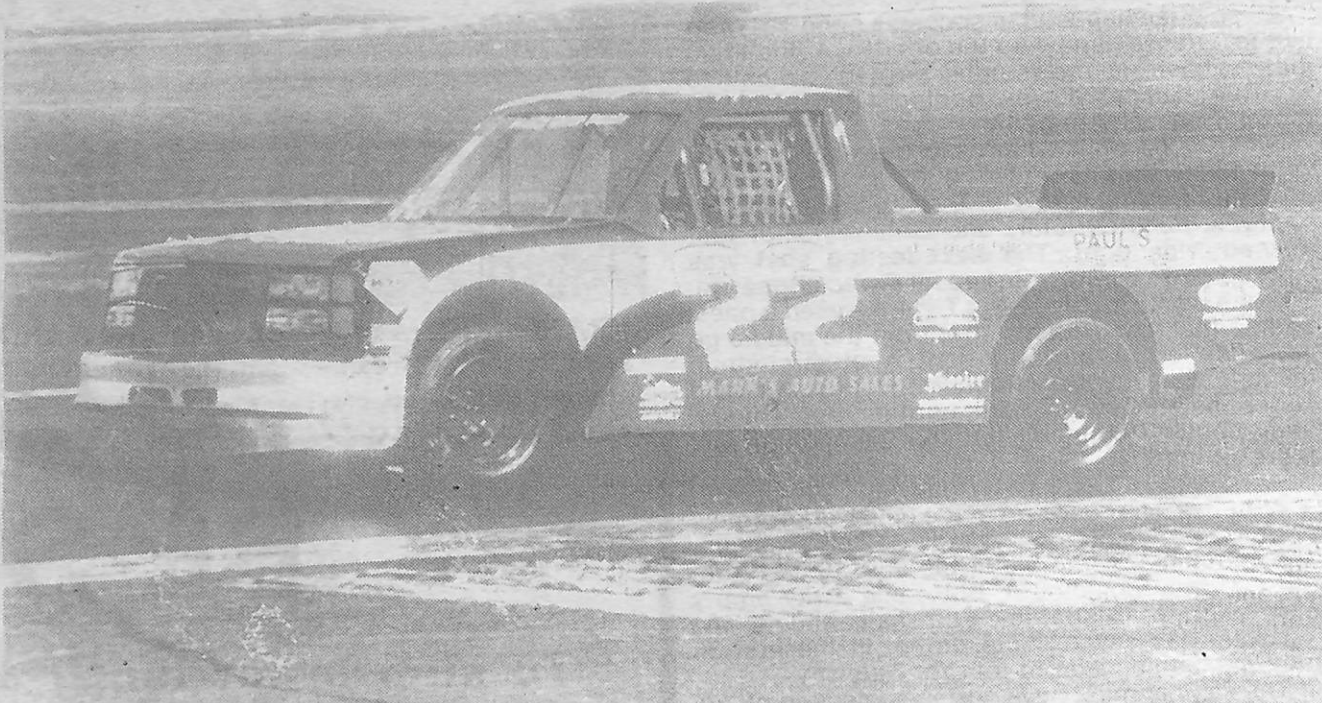
It was an excellent division. At presstime, E.J. is leading the points battle in that division with 362. Hot on his tailpipe are a bunch of competitors, including Ted Chalmers (358 points) and Skip Breunig (356 points). "Trucks were the closest thing to late models. We'd had success there so we gave the trucks a try," E.J. told us. Then he added, "And it's some good, tough racing."

Trucks are also a little less expensive than some other classes. E.J. makes a good living as a construction foreman. But, like most guys who are in it for the sport, he doesn't have access to Fort

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FRONT ROW: E.J. (Ernie Junior) Lagacy and Ernie Senior. BACK ROW: Jay Kamyk, Tom Gonet, and Arthur Daniels. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.



A FULL-LENGTH SHOT of E.J. Lagacy's number 22, which competes in Riverside Speedway's newly-formed truck division. Photo courtesy of E.J. Lagacy.

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However, E.J. is quick to note that sponsors are hard to come buy for everyone, even in the best of times. "You have to show them that you can carry their names and be successful. The best way to do that is by being at or near the front of the pack," he noted.

After driving in many divisions, he admits that trucks have turned him around. "I was not happy with the change at first. But, the track has done a good job promoting them. Just about everyone who runs them here is competitive. Next year, they plan to turn the program up another notch, which will mean an even bigger show with more money to go around."

Of his hobbies, which include classic cars and just having fun, he admits racing is his first love. "There is such a rush about it. I'm never afraid out there because I feel I'm good and most of the guys around me are also smart enough to stay out of trouble."

Yet, he did admit that in his figure 8 Enduro days, things could get very hairy, very fast.

Unlike trucks and the other classes, there were no roll bars in them, nor were they overly well-built enough to take big hits. "Sometimes, when you were going into the crossroads in those races, well, no one gave any ground," he smiled thinly.

A Complete Team Effort...

Like most racing teams, it is a complete team effort. Their short bed is kept in what looks like showroom condition, despite the more-than-occasional contact in the heat of battle. And you could almost eat off the engine. Tom Gonet takes care of that, making sure the fiberglass body is wet-sanded when needed and dings are mended.

Arthur Daniels and Jay Kamyk are excellent mechanics who know the equipment from the ground up and inside out, E.J. said.

Perhaps the most loving care, however, comes from Ernie Senior, who used to race motorcycles years ago in this area and who has been involved in some form of racing most of his life.

"My son works eight to 10 hours a day, then comes home," stated E.J.'s dad. "Most nights we're out in the garage, working on the truck. It's tough on him. I'm retired, so I have the time to go out and get everything ready so we can get things done with the least amount of hassle."

There will be some money coming at the end of the season from a cash pool set up at the track, especially if E.J. continues his drive towards the point title. "I'm looking ahead a little bit. Maybe someone will see me and the team and what we're doing. It's all positive right now," he admitted.

What he's looking forward to short-term is a double points night at Riverside coming up in two weeks. "That will be a show. Guys will have their gas pedals nailed to the floor," he laughed.



READY TO TAKE ON THE COMPETITION at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam. AT LEFT: E.J. Lagacy and Arthur Daniels. AT RIGHT: Tom Gonet, Jay Kamyk, and Ernie Senior. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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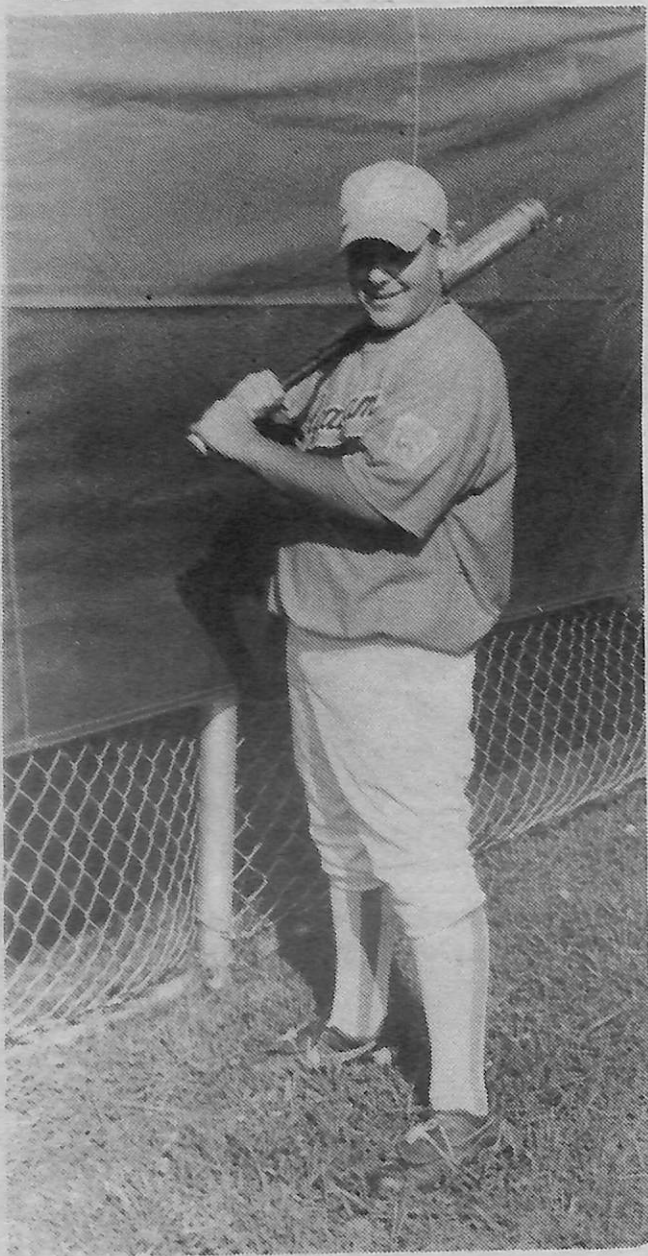
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CONGRATULATIONS TO VINNY MORETTI for tying the Agawam Little League (major division) home run record. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Vinny Moretti Ties Home Run Record In Agawam Little League

Twelve year-old Vinny Moretti, in his last year in the major division of the Agawam Little League, tied the home run record of 13 set by Gary Desamoni over 30 years ago.

This fall, Vinny will be entering the eighth grade at Agawam Junior High School.

During his first year in the league at age 10, Vinny homered in his very first game. He hit another one in the championship game. In his second year, he led the league in homers with five.

He's been a pitcher from day one. This year, he was unhittable, giving up less than a handful of hits. He was the starting pitcher in last year's All-Star team (age 11). He started this year's All-Star game at 7-9-98, pitching a perfect no-hit game and striking out 15 batters.

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After Reaching The Tournament...

Four Baseball Brownies Named To Division I All-Western Mass. Team

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High baseball Brownies had four players named to the Division I All-Western Mass. Team.

Rightfielder and recent graduate **Austin Kimball** and sophomore ace **Brian St. Jean** made the first team. Outfielder/infielder **Brady Martin** and shortstop **Mike Wing** are on the second squad.



MIKE WING, who was an excellent shortstop during the Brownies' 1998 season. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

The Brownies reached the tournament's first round in 1998.

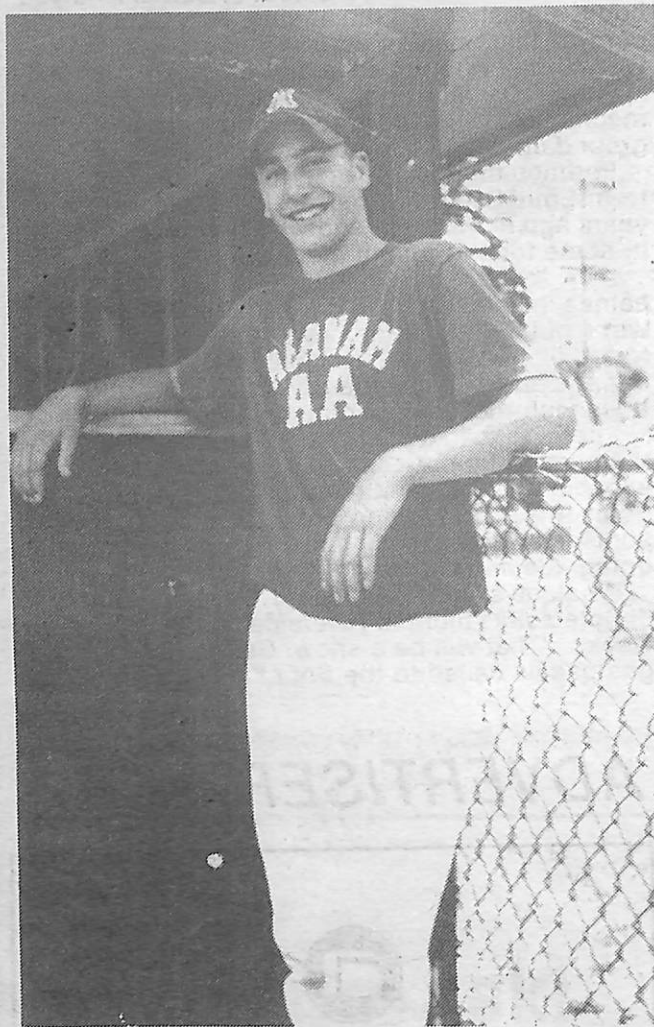
Kimball, who will attend Springfield College in the fall, admitted he wasn't that surprised about his selection, although he noted his numbers were better last year as a junior. "I think my arm was stronger and I played better defense," he remarked. This time around, he ended up batting .431 with 22 RBI's. His 28 hits included 19 singles, four doubles, two triples, and three home runs.

St. Jean turned in a banner year on the mound, finishing with a 6-2 record, including 6-1 in the league and 0-1 in the playoffs. His ERA was an impressive 2.82, including 55 strikeouts and 15 walks in 57 1/3 innings pitched. He gave up only one roundtripper. St. Jean also hit .255 in 47 at-bats, including two home runs.

"I really needed him on the mound so he didn't get that many at-bats, but he can hit when called upon," AHS Coach Pete Clark noted.

Wing's final stats read .352 BA, 11 RBI's, 12 singles, four doubles, five triples, and two home runs. Wing reached base 40 times. He was also an excellent shortstop.

Martin hit .419 with 11 RBI's on 22 singles, six doubles, two triples, and a home run. His 31 hits led the team.



Two of AHS's noteworthy baseball players: **AUSTIN KIMBALL** (left) and **BRADY MARTIN**. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

BRIAN ST. JEAN, who had a banner year on the mound for AHS. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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Women's Slo-Pitch Softball... Competition Was Fierce But Fun At All-Star Game

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

It's that time of year when all-star competition seems to step forward in all aspects of sports played with a ball and a bat. Such a competition showed up at the Agawam High School last week in the form of the Agawam Women's Slo-Pitch Softball League All-Star Show.

The best of everyone's competitive spirit came out in this annual contest. No quarter was given. None was asked.

For nine tough innings, the character of all showed through. Each gave her all. Along with some fine defensive play, the mighty bats of Yvonne Percy, Laura McLaine, Brenda Lamagdeleine, and Ramona Donahue were brought to bear. The combination of tough "D" and heavy lumber provided something for everyone.

Little bloopers, a wormburner here and there, and an occasional moon-shot foiled such competent defenders as Donna Miller, Vicki Hance, and Cheryl Pooler. In the end, "Hit 'em where they ain't" was the battle cry of Earl (Bumper) Donahue's squad.

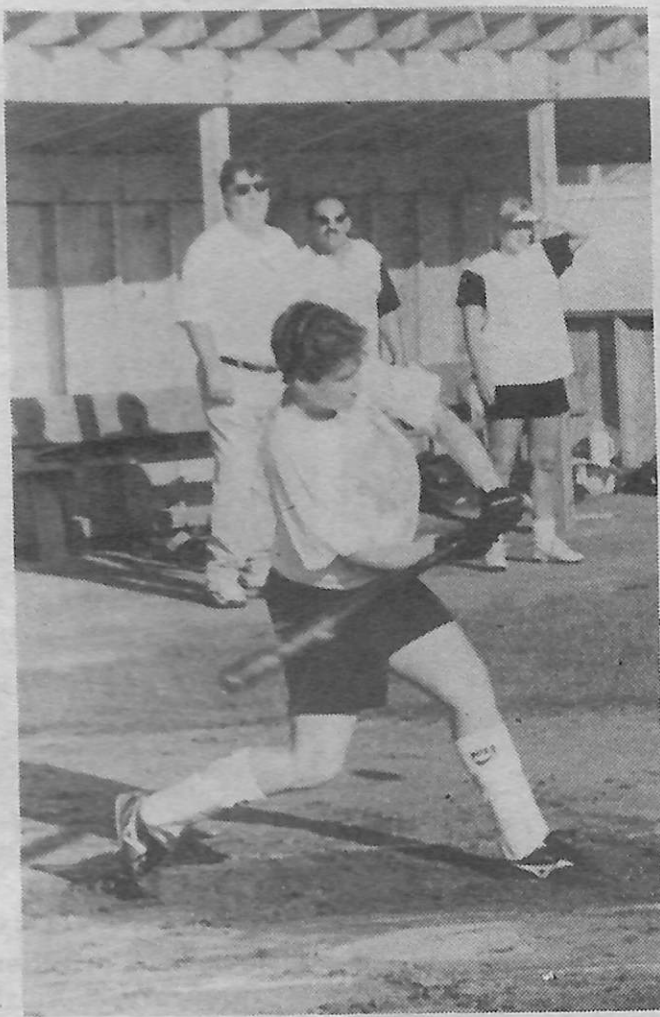
The pitching of the American League team, anchored by Lisa Allen, felt the sting of the longball, even though her mates, Jill Juzba and Diane Reinhart, airmailed a few to the hinterlands themselves.

Two hurlers for the Nationals split the duty — Karen Blanchard and Debbie Callahan. The final score saw 22 runs for the Nationals, and 14 for the Americans. But it really wasn't important in the end. What mattered was that friends played with and against friends, as old acquaintances were renewed and memories were made.

We leave this game with a pleasant observation. National League player Brenda Lamagdeleine and American League manager Larry Wilson met at third base. Hugs were exchanged and Brenda showed her best smile. "I finally beat you," she said.

Handshakes were exchanged. Congratulations offered. Things had worked out fine for everyone and on that day, all was right with the world.

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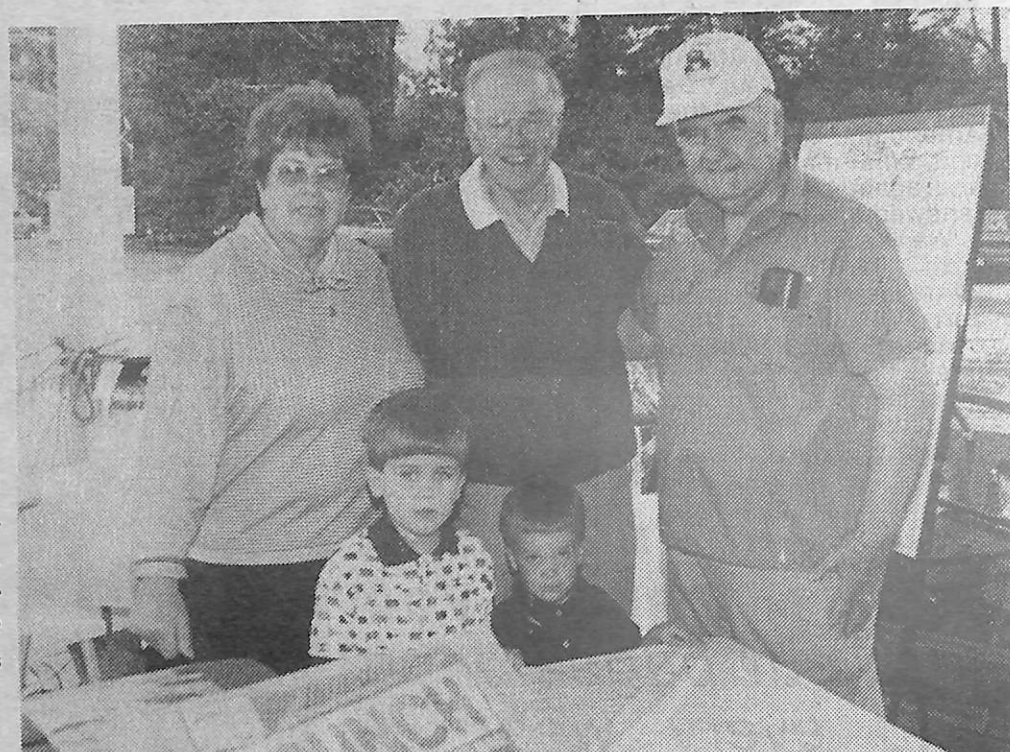


THE SECOND ANNUAL CAR SHOW AND PICNIC held in memory of Correctional Officer Mark Chapman took place at the Agawam/West Springfield Elks Lodge on Sunday, June 7th. Pictured with the car show trophies are Ralph McEwan, Jr., Bonnie J. Cleveland, John Cleveland, Mary Huntley, and Dan Huntley. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN PHOTO ABOVE: Enjoying themselves at the Mark Chapman Car Show and Picnic were Richard Chapman, Rita Chapman, John (Smiley) McLaughlin, and Franie Angevine. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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HAMPDEN COUNTY SHERIFF MIKE ASHE (center) with Barbara Morrissey, Egan Kennedy, Cormack Kennedy, and Ed Coffey at the Mark Chapman Car Show and Picnic. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

LENDING THEIR SUPPORT during the Mark Chapman Car Show and Picnic: Roger Nadeau, Dick Chapman, Tom Korman, and Gary Dupre. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Golf Tip Of The Week...

Compiled by
Jim Modzelesky,
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Slicers: Drop Your Hands

Slices result when the clubhead comes into the ball from the outside. This out-to-in swing path often is the result of a shoving out of the right shoulder in the downswing.

To eliminate that shoving action, start your downswing by dropping your hands toward your right knee. When you do this, your right shoulder stays in the groove, and you can come into impact from the inside, which is the proper path of the swing.



Tip #15

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Washing Cars For The Baseball Team...



BACK IN MAY, members of the Agawam High School baseball team held a fundraising car wash at two locations for the benefit of next year's squad. Pictured above are the "car-washers" who carried out their sudsy duties at the Agawam Middle School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Summer Skate To Ski Camp To Be Held At Springfield College

The Summer Skate to Ski Camp will be offering two camps this summer at Springfield College - a day camp for athletes who want to commute, and an overnight program. Both camps will run Monday through Friday during the weeks of July 27th-31st and August 3rd-7th.

The day camp will be encouraged for the younger racers (seven to 10 years of age). Both camps will use the facilities at Springfield College and train with full-length and stubby gates.

Several guest speakers will address the

athletes in areas such as nutrition, training, and gaining the psychological edge over the competition. Some of the activities the camp will include will be ropes and challenge course, sport enhancement speaker, and the use of a pool and indoor gyms.

For further information and an application form, call (413) 789-7223 or contact Glenn Olson, c/o "Summer Skate to Ski Camp," 47 Oak Lane, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

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VOLUNTEERS ON THE beverage and fruit cart at the Hank Drewnowski, Sr. Scholarship Scramble: Chelsea Fisher, Leah Drewnowski, and Bonnie Kibbe.

Hank Drewnowski, Sr. Scholarship Scramble Held At Oak Ridge

On Sunday, July 5th, the seventh Annual Hank Drewnowski, Sr. Scholarship Scramble was held at the Oak Ridge Golf Club.

As in past years, the tournament once again sold out at 144 participants. The tournament (a scramble format) is held in memory of Hank Drewnowski, Sr., a former Agawam police officer and popular public figure. The tournament is organized each year by his wife, Dotti, and sons, Hank, Jr. and Michael.

The entire Drewnowski family would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the tournament sponsors, participants, and Oak Ridge personnel for all of their kindness, support, and help.

This year's tournament awarded two scholarships to Agawam High School football team members who are furthering their education at the college level in 1999.

The recipients were Mike Wing and Mike Aloisi. The awards were accepted by Agawam High School football Coach Dean Vecchiarelli.

Thanks again to all from the Drewnowski family for a wonderful day.

1st Annual Wiffleball Tournament Slated At Spfld. Turnverein

The Springfield Turnverein will hold its first annual wiffleball tournament on Saturday and Sunday, August 8th and 9th, with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. The tournament will take place on the grounds where the Turners Wiffleball League is played.

Each team is guaranteed five games on Saturday, with the top two teams in each division advancing to the Sunday competition. A Homerun Derby Contest will be featured on Saturday.

Skill level is medium pitching speed, no faster than 35 mph (checked by radar gun). All ages are welcome to participate, and teams will consist of one to five players.

Trophies will be given to the top four teams, and prizes (including movie tickets and gift certificates) will be given out during the tournament. Refreshments and beverages will also be available, as well as swimming.

Where can you have so much fun for only \$30 per team? For more information, call Dean at 789-3677 (TWL Headquarters).

Space is limited to only 48 teams, so don't wait for deadlines.

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READY TO YELL "FORE" at the Hank Drewnowski, Sr. Scholarship Scramble: Al Christopher, Dee Simon, Marilyn Broder, Sue Howe, and Harry Heiss.



HAVING FUN FOR A GOOD CAUSE at the Hank Drewnowski, Sr. Scholarship Scramble: Joe Mendes, George Bickford, Lynn Modzelesky, Ed Barry, and John Szarek.



THE DREWNOWSKI FAMILY with Agawam High varsity football coach Dean Vecchiarelli (back row, holding his son) and Paul Scheer (next to Vecchiarelli), awards chairman and emcee.

SHAA Baseball And Softball Standings (Week Of June 22nd-29th)

BOYS 11-12 (Final)	W	L
Luigi's Athletics ★	11	0
John's Trucking Orioles •	8	3
Sand Trap Rangers	7	4
Fitness First Rockies	6	5
Westbank Falcons	5	6
Mr. Phipps Phillies	3	8
Hastie's White Sox	2	9
Bay State Gas Wolf Hounds	2	9

BOYS 9-10 (Final)	W	L
Lions Club Orioles •	8	1
Allen Lawnmower Rockies ★	8	1
Valenti's A's	5	4
Polish American Club Rangers	4	5
Reed's Giants	4	5
Pirates (Sponsor Needed)	3	5
Westfield Bank Blue Jays	3	6
E. Cecchi's Sharks	1	8

BOYS 7-8 (DPL) (Final)	W	L
Maroon (Sponsor Needed)	9	2
Amerifit Teal ★	9	2
Navy (Sponsor Needed)	7	4
Walnut Cleaners R. Blue	6	5
Walmart Lt. Blue	6	5
V & F Auto Green •	5	6
Red (Sponsor Needed)	4	7
Blimpie Subs' Orange	3	8
Towne Ins. Co. Purple	1	10

GIRLS 13-17 (Final)	W	L
Barker's Mechanical Plastics	8	1
Dubay's Cutting Edge •	5	5
Cressotti's EB's	5	5
Shean's (Sponsor Needed) ★	3	6
Goodrow's (Sponsor Needed)	2	7

GIRLS 10-13 (Final)	W	L
Borsari River Auto Service ★	9	1
Kelly's Agawam Credit Union •	8	3
Francis's Poolman	6	4
Cullen's Riverside Park	5	4
Mutti's Tolti's Black	4	6
Pisano's T & R Wholesale	4	7
Bishop's American Classics	0	10

GIRLS 8-10 (Final)	W	L	T
Yellow Jackets •	9	1	0
Red ★	7	2	1
Stan's Orange Tigers	6	3	1
Chris's Avon Teal Seals	3	7	0
Agawam Spirit's Green Gators	2	8	0
Kid's Footwear Purple Knights	1	9	0

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Fitness First To Compete In Easter Seals Softball Event

Fitness First in Feeding Hills will play Easter Seals Softball for Independence on Saturday, August 8th at Mittineague Park in West Springfield.

They join thousands of softball players all over Massachusetts who are playing ball to help people with disabilities expand their independence.

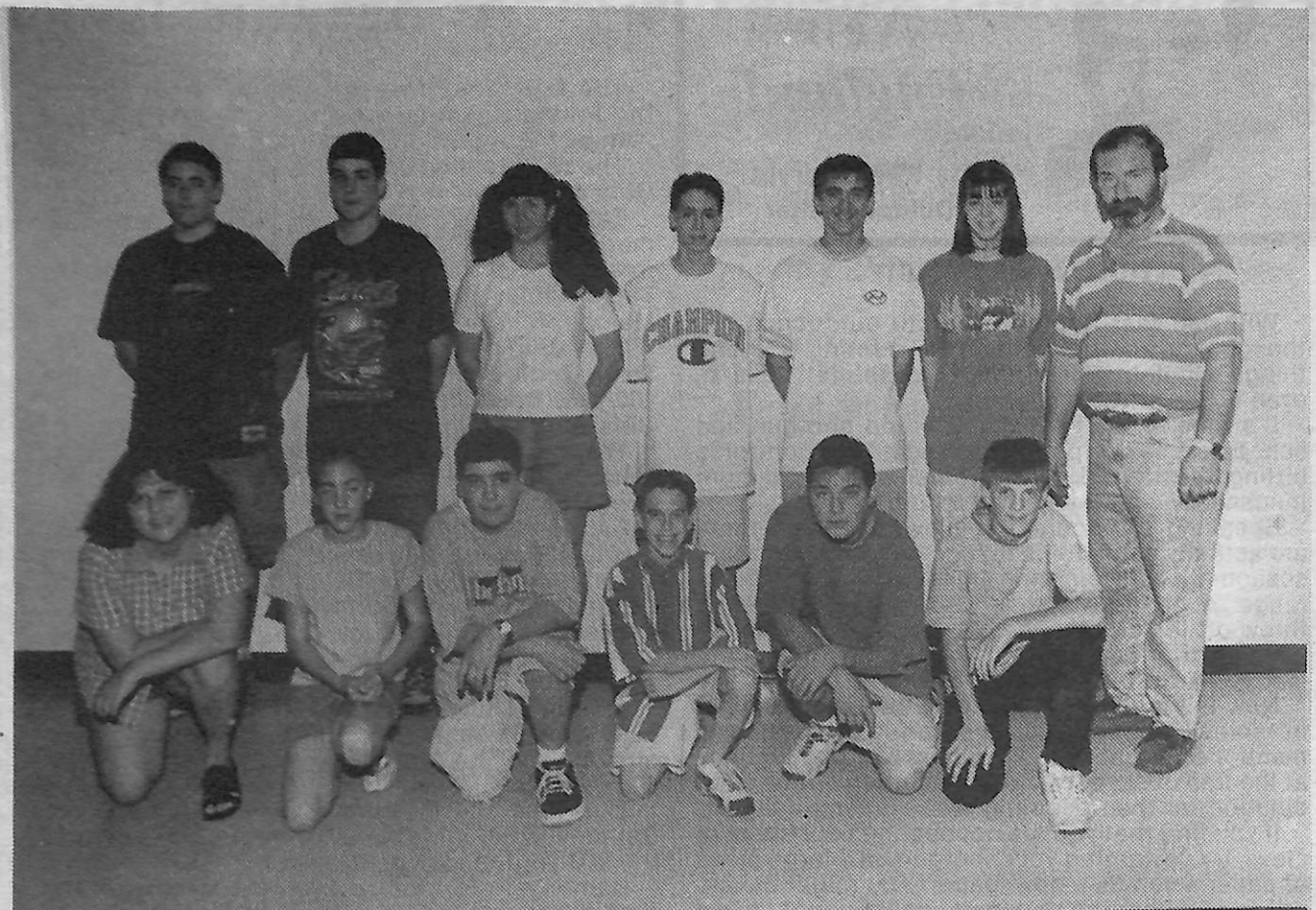
The annual Games are sponsored by Marshalls and WWLP-TV22, Springfield.

Proceeds from the Easter Seals Softball for Independence support adaptive swim programs, summer camp, equipment loan, stroke support groups, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, technology for independence, and information and referral services.

There's still time to sign-up, according to Easter Seals representative Martha Kerson.

For more information, call the West Springfield Easter Seals office, 413-734-6434.

Intramural Softball Championship Team...



FRONT ROW: Anjelica Rivera, Andrea Conte, Mike Graveline, Mark Bate, Ian Kearney, and Steven Peabody. BACK ROW: Dan Auger, Curtis Miarecki, April Rondeau, Casey Cavanaugh, Sal Santaniello, Francine Binczewski, and Coach Jim Graveline. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Turners Wiffleball League Standings

HASTIE DIVISION

TEAMS	W	L
French Licke 33's	17	8
Western Mass. Red Sox	14	7
Crocodiles	12	6
Mass. Murderers	14	8
Memo's Coffee Shop	10	6
Agawam Yankees	12	15
River Rats	6	11
Forest Park Firebirds	6	16
Phoenix	1	15

WALTHER DIVISION

TEAMS	W	L
West Side Bootleggers	13	3
Broad Street Bullies	12	3
Nud Buffers	12	4
New York Knights	10	5
TFA	10	5
Pioneer Valley Red Sox	4	3
Forest Park Fury	5	7
Weak Sisters	5	8
Pull My Finger	3	6
Reil's Rental Rebels	5	11
Bru Cru	3	13
Snap Dragons	2	16

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Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Hunters Take Note...

With fall fast approaching, an outdoorsman's thoughts turn from fishing to hunting. Several things will help you get ready for the fall season, even if it is still only July.

It's time to dust off the rifle and shotgun and schedule a few trips to the range. Gun control is hitting the target! With greater accuracy, more humane, one-shot kills will result.

Speaking of accuracy, believe it or not, there are actually some folks that go out during hunting season without sighting in their weapon at the range. A gentle bump is all that is required to throw off the sights. There are even those foolish enough to dismount and then remount a scope and think that it will be zeroed in.

Now is the time to get out to the range and get in some practice. In addition to the above-mentioned situations, a few boxes of clay pigeons at the trap or skeet range can sharpen up the coordination for the upcoming bird season.

If you find that you are not busting your share of clays, try patterning your shotgun on a large piece of paper, such as a newspaper. You might be surprised at where the maximum pellet count shows up in relation to where you aimed. Different loads may shoot differently in different guns. Experiment and see which loads and what barrel chokes work best for you at the ranges where most of your shots are taken.

The frustration of watching and listening to a cackling pheasant laughing at your ability as a wing shooter as he flies out of range, far outweighs the effort required by a pre-season outing at the club.

GOING TO THE DOGS

Going to the dogs can either mean a trip to Hinsdale or an outing with your favorite bird dog for a pre-season tuneup. Some of us forget that a good bird dog is an athlete. We may cover a lot of ground on foot behind a good dog, but imagine the miles that the dog actually puts on!

During the hot weather, don't overdue it. Make sure that the dog gets some rest periods and has plenty to drink. Over the course of the coming weeks, extend the length of the field work so that both of you will be in shape when the season arrives. You will both be better off.

FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Congamond Lakes — Kurt at Saunders Marina said that the bass fishing continued to hold up to the heavy fishing pressure. Locating fish during hot weather may take some experimentation, but look for action in the deep water. Vertical jigging with slab spoons paid off handsomely for a pair of local anglers. Two bass over five pounds and a couple in the three- to four-pound range made for a productive morning.

Connecticut River — Both largemouth and smallmouth bass are into the long-delayed summer patterns. Weed growth is lagging several weeks behind this year due to the unusually high water conditions and cooler weather. Bridge supports adjacent to deep water continue to provide good action. Four-inch plastic worms fished Carolina style, along with various jig combos, seem to be working well. Nighttime anglers are doing well with cats, and the walleye crowd continues to be silent about which bridge has been yielding some jumbo marble eyes.

Farm ponds and various small waters hold good populations of bass, but weed growth covers much of the surface of many ponds. Buzz baits, when conditions allow, have done a tremendous job. Pork frogs rigged on weedless hooks can be dragged through the vegetation, as can weedless rigged soft plastics.

SALT WATER

The Race continues to give up some jumbo blues and some keeper stripers. Black Point near Niantic was the hot spot for a couple of friends who were live-lining eels. Action was fairly steady and productive.

The mouth of the Connecticut River is giving up fluke, smaller blues, and schoolie stripers along with some keepers. Fishing for blacktail and porgies is starting to pick up.

Cape Cod and the Islands are inundated with stripers! Fish are everywhere and seem to be hitting from both the surf and from trollers in boats. Parachute jigs worked on wire line have been taking their share of cow bass.

Blue fishing is sporadic. Some folks seem to find them on every outing, while others complain about lack of action. Find the bait fish, find the blues.

Offshore action is picking up. Some yellowfin tuna are being sighted, and sharking is productive.

Agawam Piranhas Bow To Palmer, 255-291, At Agawam Junior High School Pool

The Agawam Piranhas swim team lost against the Palmer team by a score of 255-291 on June 29th at the Agawam Junior High School.

The results included:

Girls 8 & under:

Taryn Dooley, second in 100-yard individual medley; Brittany Sullivan, third in 25-yard freestyle; Sarah Torrey, third in 25-yard butterfly; Taryn Dooley, second in 50-yard freestyle; Kathryn Malone, third in 25-yard backstroke.

The team of Brittany Sullivan, Kathryn Malone, Taryn Dooley, and Sarah Torrey placed third in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Girls 9-10:

The team of Alison Pariseau, Caitlin Hurley, Brittany Gutowski, and Allison Nyman placed second in the 200-yard medley relay.

Caitlin Hurley, third in 100-yard individual medley; Carlee Bouthiller, third in 50-yard freestyle; Caitlin Hurley, third in 100-yard freestyle; Brittany Gutowski, third in 50-yard backstroke; Caitlin Hurley, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 9-10:

Jeffrey Lagasse, first in 50-yard freestyle, first in 100-yard freestyle, and first in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 11-12:

The team of Rebecca Carey, Kaitlin Bond, Bethany Reid, and Danielle Poggi placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Bethany Reid, first in 200-yard freestyle, and first in 200-yard individual medley; Danielle Poggi, first, and Kaitlin Bond, second in 50-yard freestyle; Rebecca Carey, first in 50-yard butterfly; Kaitlin Bond, second in 100-yard freestyle; Rebecca Carey, first in 50-yard backstroke; Danielle Poggi, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

The team of Danielle Poggi, Kaitlin Bond, Bethany Reid, and Rebecca Carey placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Boys 11-12:

Matthew Gendron, second in 200-yard freestyle; Matthew Gendron, first, and Connor Dooley, second in 50-yard freestyle; Connor Dooley, second

in 50-yard butterfly; Matthew Gendron, second in 100-yard freestyle; Connor Dooley, first in 50-yard backstroke.

Girls 13-14:

The team of Lindsay Carey, Kimberly Chmura, Daven Macsata, and Brittany Theriaque placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Kimberly Chmura, second in 200-yard freestyle; Brittany Theriaque, second in 200-yard individual medley; Daven Macsata, second, and Kristine Archambault, third in 50-yard freestyle; Lindsay Carey, second, and Brittany Theriaque, third in 100-yard butterfly; Kimberly Chmura, first, and Lindsay Carey, third in 100-yard backstroke; Daven Macsata, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

The team of Brittany Theriaque, Daven Macsata, Lindsay Carey, and Kimberly Chmura placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Boys 13-14:

The team of Daniel Adamski, Michael Follis, Paul Lagasse, and Kyle Sullivan placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Kyle Sullivan, first, and David Torrey, second in 200-yard freestyle; Michael Follis, first in 200-yard individual medley; Paul Lagasse, first, and Frank Bond, second in 50-yard freestyle; Daniel Adamski, first, and Paul Lagasse, second in 100-yard butterfly; Michael Follis, first in 100-yard freestyle; Kyle Sullivan, first, and Daniel Adamski, second in 100-yard backstroke; Michael Follis, first, and David Torrey, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

The team of Paul Lagasse, David Torrey, Kyle Sullivan, and Daniel Adamski placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Girls 15-18:

Shannon Costa, first in 200-yard individual medley, first in 100-yard freestyle, and first in 100-yard breaststroke.

Boys 15-18:

Charlie Roberts, first, and Nathan Adamski, second in 50-yard freestyle; Nathan Adamski, first in 100-yard butterfly; Charlie Roberts, first, and Nathan Adamski, second in 100-yard freestyle; Charlie Roberts, first in 100-yard backstroke.

Openings Still Available For 18th Annual Brightside Golf Classic

Openings are still available for the 18th annual Brightside Golf Classic, set to tee off Monday, August 3rd. The tournament - one of the area's longest-running and most successful - will be held at three of Western Massachusetts' top courses: Twin Hills Country Club in Longmeadow, Springfield Country Club in West Springfield, and Crestview Country Club in Agawam. Single entries and foursomes are still being accepted.

In addition to an enjoyable day of golf, followed by a banquet at Chez Josef in Agawam, a hole-in-one contest will give participants the chance to win a Lexus from Balise Lexus of West Springfield. The banquet features both silent and live auctions, as well as a raffle. Among the auction prizes are a vacation trip to Bermuda, a trip to the Lexus Champions for Charity golf tournament in California, and sports memorabilia autographed by Jack Nicklaus, Greg Norman, Larry Bird, and more.

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Proceeds from the tournament benefit the more than 5,000 families and children in Western Massachusetts, Northern Connecticut, and beyond who are helped by Brightside's mental health and child welfare services each year.

In 1997, more than 300 golfers took part in the Brightside Golf Classic, which begins with a luncheon at 11:00 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at noon. The format is a scramble.

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Also in action on July 21st will be “tour-type” modifieds and pro stocks. Each division will run a 50-lap feature, and each winner will take home \$5,000.

“This will be one of the most exciting events you’ll ever see at Riverside Park Speedway,” boasts Director of Auto Racing Joe Lewandoski. “These are non-points races, and there is a lot of money on the line,” he continued.

Lewandoski says his staff has distributed information and rules for this Tuesday night event to drivers all over New England. “We’ve been to all the tracks in New England and hopefully we’ll draw a quality field of cars.”

In addition to the \$5,000 winner’s purse, Riverside Park Speedway has posted a \$10,000 bonus to any driver who wins all three races on July 21st. Ted Christopher, driver of the number 14 Bear Motorsports modified and number 13 Mystique Motorsports SK modified, leads the list of drivers who may appear in all three features on Tuesday night.

“You just have to drive it as hard as you can,” says Christopher, who also competes on the Busch North Series, a NASCAR Touring Division, and in the Busch Grand National Division. Christopher says luck will also be a factor. “If you get a good draw, then 50 laps isn’t that hard. But there is definitely a chance (to win all three races).”

Featherlite modified series driver Ed Flemke, Jr. says the fans are in for a treat. “With the variety of drivers,” says Flemke, “it will be good for the fans.” Flemke, who took down a victory on his first visit to Riverside on May 23rd, says both the modified and SK modified fields will be tough to beat. “The regulars know the place, so they’ll be tough,” says Flemke. “It will be a tough field, with everybody gunning for the \$5,000.”

Reggie Ruggiero, the all-time winningest modified driver at Riverside Park, said he is planning to compete on July 21st with both his Iguana Motorsports number 2 modified and Dave Kukta’s number 72 SK modified.

“We know the car will run good there,” says Ruggiero, who won the opening race of the Featherlite Modified Series at Riverside Park on March 29th. He says the influx of new drivers should make for an interesting event.

“That’s a very tricky track,” says Ruggiero of the Agawam quarter-mile oval. “First-time drivers don’t usually do very well there.”

In addition to plenty of exciting action on the track, Riverside Park has included the amusement park attractions in the price of the race ticket on July 21st only.

“Fans will be able to spend a few hours in the amusement park before the races for one low price,” says Lewandoski. “I hope everyone gets a chance to visit our new Island Kingdom Waterpark. It will be a wet and wild day at the races!” he continued.

Mike Massaro To Assist With Announcing Duties
Riverside Park Speedway announced Gary Danko has enlisted MRN radio personality Mike Massaro to join him in the broadcast booth on July 21st.

Massaro, the former public relations director at the Stafford Motor Speedway, has covered the NASCAR Winston Cup Series, Craftsman Truck Series, and the Busch Grand National Division for the nationally syndicated radio program.

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Riverside’s Unofficial Finishes (July 4th)

NAPA Modified Division (100 laps)

1. Ted Riggott - East Hartland, CT.
2. Dan Avery - Somers, CT.
3. Ricky Miller - Agawam, MA.
4. Rob Summers - Manchester, CT.
5. Eddy Spiers - Beacon Falls, CT.
6. Renee Dupuis - Glastonbury, CT.
7. Jimmy Broderick - Brookfield, CT.
8. Dave Berube - Bristol, CT.
9. Dave Gallo - Kensington, CT.
10. Ken Marques - Canton, CT.
11. Carl Eriksson - Deep River, CT.
12. Chris Wenzel - Holyoke, MA.
13. Bill Bolton - Enfield, CT.
14. Brad Hietala - Ellington, CT.
15. Richie Gallup - Agawam, MA.
16. Tommy Kearns - New Hyde Park, NY.
17. Todd Ceravolo - North Stonington, CT.
18. Bob Polverari - West Springfield, MA.
19. Joe Czarnecki - Westfield, MA.

Sportsman Division (25 laps)

1. Glen Reilly - Northford, CT.
2. Mitch Drewnowski - Feeding Hills, MA.
3. Tony Keilty - Torrington, CT.
4. Jon Waterhouse - Berlin, CT.
5. Paul Mercandante - Southampton, MA.
6. Keith Carzello - Enfield, CT.
7. Bill Reiman - Southington, CT.
8. Beau LeBeau - Somers, CT.
9. Mike Chaves - South Windsor, CT.
10. Andy Breen - Northampton, MA.
11. Herb Carlon - Windsor, CT.
12. Rick Leavitt - Canton Center, CT.
13. Jason Lafayette - Windsor, CT.
14. Chris Drouin - Bristol, CT.
15. George Colton - Somers, CT.
16. Mark Freniere - Springfield, MA.
17. Scott Bigelow - Kensington, CT.
18. Fred Berger.
19. Henry Dickinson - Torrington, CT.
20. Dennis Brilla - Plantsville, CT.
21. David Birkenshaw - Somers, CT.
22. Raymond Rout - Harwinton, CT.
23. Johnny Martino - Feeding Hills, MA.
24. Ed Charette - Plainville, CT.
25. Robert Bahre - Canton, CT.

26. Doug Goetz - Danbury, CT.
27. Bill Cote - Belchertown, MA.
28. Keith Scalia - East Haven, CT.
29. Dennis Charette - Southington, CT.

Teddy Bear Pools Truck Division (30 laps)

1. Chuck Docherty - Springfield, MA.
2. Rob Valerio - New Britain, CT.
3. Brian Merchant - Wilbraham, MA.
4. Ernie Tarca - East Granby, CT.
5. Ted Chalmers - Holyoke, MA.
6. E.J. Lagacy - Agawam, MA.
7. Skip Breunig - Milford, CT.
8. Mike Salmond - Ludlow, MA.
9. Kris Valerio - Bristol, CT.
10. Gee Perry - Granby, CT.
11. Pat Kretschman - Shelton, CT.
12. PJ Pelc - South Deerfield, MA.
13. Scott Ciak - Agawam, MA.
14. Clifton O'Donal - Windsor, CT.
15. Mike Duquette - Northampton, MA.

Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stock Division (100 laps)

1. Eddy Carroll III - Suffield, CT.
2. John Lobo, Jr. - Southampton, MA.
3. Barry Gray - Belchertown, MA.
4. Todd Owen - Somers, CT.
5. Bennett Fuller - Enfield, CT.
6. Willie Hardie, Jr. - Leominster, MA.
7. Patrick Townsend - Springfield, MA.
8. Jeff Horn - Tolland, CT.
9. Craig St. Germain - Enfield, CT.
10. Jim Banfield - South Glastonbury, CT.
11. Jay Miller - East Granby, CT.
12. Tom Fearn - Agawam, MA.
13. Blaine Belz - Moodus, CT.
14. Rich Vasseur - Ellington, CT.
15. Bobby Ermark - Norwalk, CT.
16. Ron LaPerche - Pawtucket, RI.
17. Sonny Fiega - Springfield, MA.
18. Tim Strojny - Southampton, MA.
19. Jeff Connors - Ellington, CT.
20. Jim Mavluganes - Wethersfield, CT.
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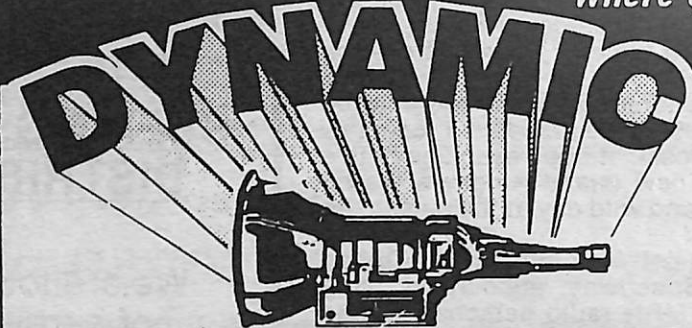
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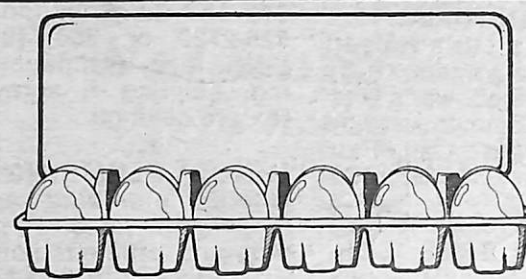
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